

WEATHER SYNOPSIS	
The barometer is rising on the Pacific slope and further rise is becoming general. Zero temperatures are reported in the Prairies.	

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Riffian Envoy Talking Peace With French

Conversations Confined to Press and Members of Chamber—Government Not Approached

Political Object Seen in Mission

Cabinet Doubts Worth of Visit—Morocco Leader Already Aware of Paris Terms, Ministers Believe

PARIS, Dec. 23.—Captain Gordon Canning, British reserve officer and envoy of the Moroccan chief, Abd-el-Krim, who arrived in Paris yesterday with a letter from the British, said during his interview with the press that decided on by the French and Spanish last summer has not approached the French Government as yet on the question of a peace settlement.

Thus far he has communicated his credentials and the object of his mission to the French Foreign Minister of Parliament only. His presence officially is not known to the Government and doubts are expressed at the quai d'Orsay as to the utility of his visit.

Krim Would Discuss Terms

Abd-el-Krim is ready to accept some of the Franco-Spanish terms, but deems it necessary that others, Captain Canning said, be made by the French Government only. His presence officially is not known to the Government and doubts are expressed at the quai d'Orsay as to the utility of his visit.

French officials contend that this shows Abd-el-Krim is already aware of the peace terms, while the fact that Captain Canning, first, has been to members of the Chamber of Deputies would seem to indicate a policy leaning to his mission, with the object of ascertaining what opposition to the Government's attitude exists in Parliament.

11,412 French Casualties

The French forces in Morocco have suffered a total of 11,412 losses since the beginning of 1925, M. Ossola, Under-Secretary of War, stated in the Chamber of Deputies today.

Of these, 2,865 were native-born Frenchmen.

U.S. Rubber Outcry Ridiculed in London

Same Course Pursued by Americans in Respect of Cotton and Wheat, Papers Say

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The London newspapers have been chary of commenting editorially on the American remonstrance against the high British rubber prices, but today some writers broke their silence. Their main arguments were that the prices were an outrage, that American consumers as Americans that it was difficult to understand how America, "the home of protection," could complain against a protective scheme; and that the United States acted identically regarding cotton and wheat.

"If we had tried to raise the price of cotton in the U.S.A., Europe," said The Morning Post, "we should not have the face to complain of limitation of the price of rubber."

The Daily News found American indignation "distinctly amusing," and added:

"England is laughing up her sleeve it is the first time since the war that she has had the opportunity."

The Westminster Gazette said: "It is difficult to maintain patience with a protest which seems mainly motivated by a fear that, through sale of the one commodity, America must buy from us what shall secure means of paying our debt to her."

Sold Out Liquor at Border

BELLINGHAM, Dec. 23.—Ernest Marshall, head distiller of Vancouver, B.C., was arrested near the Canadian border by deputy sheriffs when a tire of his automobile collapsed. The officers said they found twelve cases of whisky and sixteen gallons of grain alcohol in his car. He was held in jail of \$750 bail.

Prince Edward Island To Send Trade Scout After Indies Business

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I., Dec. 23.—Prince Edward Island will go after West Indies trade by sending a trade commissioner to the islands January 1, in the person of Hon. H. D. McEwan, who was yesterday sworn into the cabinet of Premier Stewart with the portfolio of Trade Commissioner. He will visit the principal islands of the British West Indies with the object of finding markets for Prince Edward Island produce, and ascertaining whether products of the islands may be profitably handled here.

Alaska Feels Quake

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Dec. 23.—A sharp earthquake, lasting a minute, was felt here at 1 o'clock this morning. No damage was reported.

Deep Sea Shipping

Ms. Emma Alexander, for California, 11 pm.

The News

Dominion, Imperial and Foreign—United States President endorses Wilkins air expedition to Arctic. Riffian envoy discusses peace with Canadian bank wins great prize in Spanish lottery.

Great storm damages French ports and shipping.

Paris criticizes Godless governments and modern religious tendencies.

French war lord wins victory in new battle in North China.



SENATOR PAUL DOUMER

U.S. President Endorses Air Dash to North

Purpose of Arctic Aerial Expedition Commanded by Mr. Coolidge—Personal Interest Also Aroused

Much Importance Attached to Flight

Possible Development of Airplane Routes Across Pole Cited—Aviation to Benefit From Project

(Special to The Colonist) D'ETROIT, Dec. 23.—President Coolidge has endorsed the purpose of the Wilkins Arctic Expedition, it became known here today, and has bespoken his personal interest in the project which is sponsored by the American Geographical Society, the Detroit Aviation Society and the North American Newspaper Alliance.

The President's comment was made in a letter to William B. Mayo, general manager of the Ford Motor Company, who is president of the Detroit Aviation Society and chairman of the board of directors of the Arctic expedition. The letter was written from the White House on December 15. It reads as follows:

"My Dear Mr. Mayo—I have your letter of December 13, signed by you and addressed to me, and I am glad to learn that the Detroit Aviation Society is planning to organize and privately finance an expedition to explore the land west of the North Pole. It has aroused the keenest personal interest.

"There has always been in the forefront of Arctic exploration and it is fitting that the expedition should be the first to open these unknown lands to the knowledge of the world. The importance to commercial aviation in the possible development of air routes across the Arctic region makes the proposed enterprise of particular value. Sincerely yours,

"CALVIN COOLIDGE."

German Potash Sales

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The German potash syndicate today reported that its sale of potash for 1925 amounted to 1,220,000 tons.

C.N.R. Net Revenue Grows in November

Increase of Seventy-Three Per Cent Over 1924 Earnings Shown by Railway

Race Develops

The race between the Finance Minister and the group of the Left to gain their projects out first promises a close finish. Some of the counter measures are already in shape and others will be finished within a day or two, the Radical leaders told to-day.

The groups of the majority in the Chamber will again take a stand on the capital levy and other features of their programme that caused the downfall of M. Painlevé. The situation therefore promises to be very interesting over November, 1924, and of 1,822,107, or 39.64 per cent, on November.

Mr. W. H. MacInnes, Civil Service Commissioner, is likely to be retired by the Oliver Government shortly after the New Year, according to information obtained yesterday from a source close to the Government, and it is believed that already the Cabinet has discussed informally the choice of his successor.

Blister criticism was directed against the Commissioner during the latter part of the recent session of the Legislature by H. Despard Twigg, third member for Victoria, being the principal critic. In supporting a motion that Mr. MacInnes' salary be reduced from \$4,200 a year to \$2,000, Mr. Twigg declared that he was in possession of reliable information to the effect that the Commissioner's salary was not being paid in an inefficient manner, and the inefficiency was due to failure of the Commissioner to deal fairly with members of the Civil Service. Men were not being promoted on a basis of service and ability, he charged, and civil servants of the public service were being paid insufficiently, and the inefficiency was due to failure of the Commissioner to deal fairly with members of the Civil Service. 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RED-TAG SALE

Christmas Eve

No use trying to give you quotations, some lines are not complete, but it will repay you well to come to our store and look at the prices on the goods in the window and take a walk around the store particularly to see the 99c section.

Mitchell & Duncan, Ltd.
JEWELERS
HORACE DORER in Charge

It's Now or Never

In Christmas Shopping

Today ends it!—And our entire store now turned to the task of meeting last minute gift needs—quickly, pleasantly, accurately.

Tremendous Stocks of Gift Slippers, Shoes, Hosiery, Shoe Trees, at Sale Prices

Sizes don't matter. We'll cheerfully exchange after Xmas.

MUNDAY'S 1115
Government St.

To Our Patrons and Friends We Wish a

*Merry Christmas
and a
Prosperous New Year*

Cameron Wood & Coal Co., Ltd.
Office in the Moody Block (Upstairs), Cor. Yates and Broad Streets

West O'Rowna Proceeds
CORDOVA, Alaska, Dec. 23.—The steamship West O'Rowna, which was disabled in a storm when her rudder and portion of her stern were torn away, today reported her position noon as latitude 23.04 north, longitude 152.58 east. The sea was rough but the ship was riding easily, messages reported.

KIRKHAM'S GROCERTERIA
749-751 YATES STREET

Grocerteria Prices

Help to Solve Your Christmas Problems

Turkey, for small families, up from	\$2.00
Choice Table Butter, lb. 47¢, 3 lbs. for	\$1.38
Christmas Mixed Candy, lb. 15¢, 3 lbs. for	40¢
Lump Sugar and Icing	25¢
Sugar, 3 lbs. for	25¢
Prepared Almond Paste,	58¢
per lb.	
Libby's Asparagus Tips, round tins	19¢
Fancy Quality Canned	32¢
Peaches, reg 40¢ tin	15¢
Choice Home-Made Mincemeat, per lb.	17¢
Fletcher's Mild Cured Christmas	
Hams, whole, per lb.	33¢
Domestic Shortening,	18¢
Picnic Hams,	20¢
per lb.	
Reception Plum Puddings, \$2.25 size	\$1.95, \$1.50 size \$1.25
Choice Mixed Nuts, all new season's nuts (no peanuts),	28¢
2 lbs for 55¢, per lb.	
Red Emperor Grapes, lb.	20¢
Fine Turkey Layer Figs,	35¢
per lb.	
Calimyrna Figs, 3 pkts.	25¢
Fine Juicy Lemons, doz.	17¢
Sweet Navel Oranges, doz. 50¢, 40¢, 30¢ and	20¢
Fresh Local Celery, head	5¢
Fresh Local Cauliflower, each 15¢	
Hand-Rolled Chocolates, 5-lb. box, \$1.50, 3-lb. box	95¢
Assorted Hard and Soft Chocolates,	
bulk, per lb.	25¢
Star Creams, lb.	25¢
TURKEYS, GEES, DUCKS, CHICKENS AND FOWL	
PRIME STEER BEEF AND YOUNG PORK	
Turkeys, up from, lb.	32¢
Geese, per lb.	27¢
Ducks, per lb.	32¢
Roasting Chicken, lb.	40¢, 35¢
Fresh-Killed Boiling Fowl,	
per lb.	30¢ and 25¢

WONDERFUL VALUES IN CANDY

Christmas Mixed Candy, lb.	15¢
In 20 lb. lots, per lb.	12½¢
French Jellies, lb.	25¢

Thirteen Shopping Hours Remain To Prepare Way for Santa Claus

Christmas Spirit Abroad in Earnest as Final Day Arrives in Which to Make Last-Minute Purchases for Stocking, Hamper or Christmas Tree

By this time tomorrow morning Santa Claus will have come and gone. In the meantime there are thirteen shopping hours left in which to make the last-minute purchases, which he has to pack into his sack before he begins his stealthy round of the homes in Victoria where stockings and Christmas trees are awaiting his attentions. For the shops do not close until 10 o'clock tonight, although they open at the usual hour of 9 a.m.

Yesterday and the day before the streets and shops were a joyously bewildering spectacle to the "Country Cousin," unaccustomed to so much movement and clamor as the shopping district presented any time before or in the early part of the afternoon or in the early part of the evening. Even the town dweller, seasoned to average commotion, and bustle, caught a pleasant titillation of excitement from the unusual coming and going, and elbow-rubbing became a part of the technique of the great Christmastide paean of goodwill.

Shops Please

The stores were plainer than a fortnight ago because the public had taken their advice and begun their shopping early. Yesterday the stores were just as pleased because there were, as they always expected, there would be, hosts of late shoppers who brought with them not only a welcome hum of voices, but lots of hard cash.

Now there is still today ahead. And numerous firms called upon by The Colonist yesterday expressed confident expectation that it would be a big day.

"What we are chiefly selling this week is the smaller things, which people can take home themselves," one big department store informed the reporter.

The big things—"things on wheels," things which could not be tucked into a basket at a great cost, ticketed, were provided and packed for safe keeping, and either delivered then or sent in from whom they were purchased, or kept in reserve until, say, about the middle of last week, before the real delivery rush had commenced.

As it is, the men of the wagon will not finish their work until about midnight. Undoubtedly there will be more than one encounter between the expressman and Santa Claus, who has an impatient habit of lingering about doorsteps if the particular thing he wants for that particular house has not yet arrived.

Blanks and Winks

The winks of Christmas is that things have not been forgotten after it is over and all the gazing, babbling, and bright lights and twinkling fun of it are taken away. But in the meantime there is little thought of this.

"Everyone has seemed very happy today," beamed the manager of one high-class department store. "The crowd was watching this was led along through the little avenues leading from the stationery to crockery, and from music and books to groceries. And all the indications were of free-handed spending. Not on very big things, but on little things. But on cups and saucers, luncheonware, calendars, the latest novel, candles and things of that kind which can be dropped into a pocket or a basket."

The weather has been no deterrent. The rain hasn't kept people at home. And it has suggested a Government Street firm which has always specialized on umbrellas, has done a very gratifying business in the smart, short shapes which are so popular at present. And very appropriately as suggestions, it is in anticipation, part of the most exciting (and partly for more ornamental sakes) there are all manner of handkerchiefs at hand. Such handkerchiefs one never did see before. Everything, from plain, useful linen or cambric, suitable for use on the golf links to the pale-colored silks of crepe de chine, with a tiny silver dove-puff fitted into the skirts of the dainty lady painted in the corner. Turning the corner of the counter one finds an enticing display of French novelties, powder-puffs, rouge cases, etc., powder boxes, atomizers, dresser boxes, silk Popular.

Synthetic silk has put all underwear within the reach of the business aristocracy, as well as that of the lady of wealth and fashion. One firm states that they have never before done such a big business in silk "undies." And evening dresses are being given in unusual numbers as Christmas gifts.

Men are becoming very daring shoppers. They falter not to ask, once they have made up their minds.

"Give me the wildest pair of garters you have in stock," one man appealed at the doorway counter of a certain store two or three days ago. His demands were satisfied, although he took unquestionably what was handed to him.

"Men are not so frightened as they used to be, but they sure need a lot of help. I guess they let their wives think that they did all the choosing, though!" a silk underwear department clerk told The Colonist at one place.

Three Shopless Days

"Please warn the housewives that they cannot do any shopping for three days. Although there will be big feasting on Christmas Day, it is just as well to have little thought of what the family will need to have

on hand for dinner and breakfast on Saturday and Sunday," one prudent manager requested of The Colonist.

The reminder is timely. The stores are to be closed all day on Saturday. The number of supplies of such things as bread and butter, tea, meat, fresh vegetables, fruit, which are almost indispensable, should be in the store room to last over the three days' holiday.

Christmas Cards

The postman will be the busiest man tomorrow. But everyone should try to buy Christmas cards and mailed them in the post office or collection boxes as early as possible in the order to give the sorters a chance. The sale of Christmas cards this year has been phenomenal. A firm which has been dealing in these for ten or twelve years says that the sale has surpassed all records. Evidently this form of giving has grown in popularity.

"The picture stores give a very favorable report this year, too. Apparently there is, side-by-side with the demand for calendars and Christmas cards, a demand for good, small color reproductions or etchings; candlesticks, etc. The Red Hostess, towels, dolls, pillows, paper and correspondence cards, gloves, ties, earphones, suspenders, bill-holders, socks, and numerous other small things which fit into parcels easily posted at the last moment for tomorrow's delivery.

Mr. H. W. Hart to Run in Oak Bay

Ex-Service Man Seeks Council Seat—Reeve May Be Returned Unopposed

Mr. H. W. Hart, of 812 Island Road, will be a candidate at the coming municipal election in Oak Bay for one of the three vacant seats on the Oak Bay Council.

Mr. Hart was made to The Colonist last night by Mr. Hart, who is seeking municipal honors in Oak Bay for the first time. Mr. Hart has been a resident of Oak Bay for a considerable period. He served overseas during the Great War, and since his return, has taken a keen interest in politics.

Mr. Hart was one of the organizers of the Victoria Branch of the Great War Veterans' Association, which was the first unit of ex-service men established in Canada after the signing of the Armistice.

Definitely in the Field

Councillor W. H. Meerna is the only one of the three retiring council members definitely to state he would stand as a candidate. He had numerous requests to enter re-election, and considers it his duty to place his name before the electors.

At the last meeting of the Oak Bay Municipal Voters' League, Councillor Edwards declared that he would be willing to seek re-election if supported by that organization. The latter body has not yet endorsed any aspirants for any office in the coming election.

Councillor H. L. Wilson, who is completing his first term on the council, has not yet made a statement regarding his intentions.

Ex-Councillor Arthur Crease, of 913 Poulton Road, will be candidate for council next month.

No Opposition Expected

No opposition is expected.

Miss Gladys Sheret, on Behalf of Staff, Makes Presentation of Gift to Company's Head

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Catterall were

yearly afternoon the recipients of a large gift bowl from members of the staff.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Catterall, well-known local leaders,

Miss Gladys Sheret, on behalf of the staff of the concern, presented

Mr. and Mrs. Catterall with the gift.

She said that the present was not a Christmas gift, but was an expression of the esteem in which they were held by the employees and of the appreciation of the courtesies rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Catterall to their staff during the past year.

Mr. Ernest J. Dickens supplemented Miss Sheret's words with a few remarks.

In accepting the gift, Mr. Catterall,

on behalf of Mrs. Catterall and himself, thanked the staff for their kind remembrance and voiced his appreciation of the compliment paid them by the employees of the company. He extended to the members of the staff best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Suicides by Poison

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Dec. 23.—George Quick, forty-eight, dependent and friendless, drank half an ounce of poison yesterday and died shortly afterward in a hospital.

FRANCÉ MILITARY AVIATION

PARIS, Dec. 23.—Francé will spend

357,000,000 francs on its military avia-

tion service during 1926. This amount

was voted in the Chamber of Deputies today after lively opposition from the Socialists.

Japan's Student Funeral

OSHAWA, Dec. 23.—The funeral of

Miss Hana Kobayashi, Japanese stu-

dent at the ladies' college at Whitby,

was held here yesterday. The remains

will be cremated and the ashes sent

to her father in Tokyo.

Main Food Supply Is Canadian Wheat



LORD BRADBURY

Chairman of the British Food Council, who has made public the services of the food office in the Old World, and the extent of the exposure of the Soviets' extravagant and unfounded forecasts of a bumper crop. There is scarcely enough wheat in the world to go around, the council was told, and the main supply is Canadian wheat.

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Hamilton's Street Railway

HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 23.—The street railway committee last night submitted to the board of control a proposal for the solution of Hamilton's street railway tangle, under which the system would be operated by a commission. The plan will be offered to the street railway company for approval. One member would be appointed by the city council, one by the Ontario Railway Board and the third member might be elective.

Public Market Experiences Big Christmas Rush

Crowds Throng Building From Early Morning Until Late in Evening Purchasing Supplies for Festivities

Open Throughout Today

Stockholders at the Victoria Public Market yesterday experienced a rush of busy Christmas shoppers such as had seldom been seen in recent years. From early in the morning until well on in the evening crowds flocked to the big building on hand, and came out laden with local produce for the festive board. Today the market will again be open, and the opportunities of selecting most of the Christmas supplies within the confine of the market will, no doubt, be availed by many.

Stalls yesterday presented a cheery and welcoming appearance. Christmas greens, artificial decorations and flowers gave the market a truly festive appearance. Local turkeys, geese, chicken, duck and other delicacies, symbolic of the approaching festive season, were displayed in large quantities. Green grocers had an extra abundance of their produce in hand to comply with the increased demands of the Christmas table.

Turkeys Very Slightly

Strikingly local turkeys yesterday varied slightly in price, but the general price appeared to be fifty-five cents per pound, while in a few cases birds were disposed of at as low as fifty, and in some cases, for specially raised birds, at sixty cents a pound. Game, however, was priced at from thirty to thirty-five cents per pound, while chicken and ducks were quoted at forty to forty-five and forty-five cents, respectively.

Cut flowers were in great demand, and many of the stallholders having supplies, disposed of their stocks earlier and even forced to bring in additional supplies. Christmas greens commanded the chief market over all flowers, and sold at prices ranging from seventy-five cents a spray to three dollars per dozen. Cyclamen, statice and holly also found favor.

Eggs Take Big Drop

Eggs took an unexpected drop yesterday, and all grades were quoted at ten cents per dozen cheaper than last week. Extras sold for fifty-five, while firms and B.C. pullet extras went at fifty and forty-five, respectively.

Tomatoes were unchanged in price from last week, and the demand greatly exceeded the supply. Great quantities of cabbage, cauliflower, celery, spinach and Brussels sprouts were available, and a large amount found its way to the various homes.

Funeral Services Held For Veteran C.P.R. Man

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23—Funeral services for the late Frederick Baker, for nearly fifty years associated with the Canadian Pacific Railway, and for many years paymaster of the company's Vancouver office, died this morning at the Holy Rosary Pro-Cathedral. The remains will be forwarded to London, England, for interment.

The late Mr. Baker was a nephew of the celebrated Samuel Plimell, M.P., who entered the House of Parliament and became a Member for Dundee in 1868. Mr. Baker was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1858, and as a boy lived with his famous uncle, "the Sailor's Friend," at Whitley Wood-hall, near Sheffield.

Swelled Heads Do More Harm Than Fatheads



"Socialists are fatheads," in the elegant English of the Chairman of the Conservative Party, Mr. P. G. Privy Seal and deputy leader in the House of Commons in the late Labor Government, in a speech at Roehampton, but "much more harm is being done in the world by swelled heads than by fatheads," Clynes added.

Wallflowers Are as Seasonable Now as Holly and Mistletoe

WHEN Victoria says "Merry Christmas!" she sometimes says it with flowers and her conversation on this subject is almost strenuous. The Y.W.C.A. yesterday received a small bunch of flowers grown in the garden of Mrs. F. C. Niven, St. Patrick Street. The bouquet consisted of snowdrops, violets and fragrant wallflowers. Intimations that roses and poppies are among the flowers that grace Victoria's gardens this festive season.

Liquor Cheques And Racing Tax Money Allotted

Area of Greater Victoria to Receive Substantial Payments From Finance Minister in Santa Claus Role

Second Division This Year

British Columbia possesses a Santa Claus who does a deal bigger in a building a great deal bigger than either the Hudson's Bay or Spencer stores. His name is Hon. J. MacLean, Minister of Finance, and his workshop is the Parliament Buildings, across the Bay. That he is a Santa Claus of "Hiyu Tillcum" originated in 1923, when he announced that Greater Victoria would receive a substantial Christmas present as its share of Provincial liquor profits and pari-mutuel taxes. Altogether, \$591,799 will be distributed among the municipalities of British Columbia from the Minister's office during the next few days. Of this total, liquor profits comprise \$424,494, covering the period of six months up to September 30, 1925, and \$167,315 pari-mutuel taxes collected

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Four Firemen Dead And Five Injured

Three-Quarters of Million Damage and Lives Lost in Out-break in Pennsylvania

WAYNESBURG, Pa., Dec. 23.—Four volunteer firemen were killed and five others injured, two seriously, during a fire which swept the business district of Waynesburg early today. Several buildings were destroyed and a number of others damaged, the total loss being estimated at \$750,000. The firemen were crushed under a falling wall.

The dead, Harvey Call, William Pinto, Joseph Rittenburg and Thurman Loveland.

All those in the casualty list were members of the Waynesburg Fire Company.

Buildings that were destroyed were the Downey Hotel, a three-story brick structure, the Grossman Building, a

four-story brick building, and the First Presbyterian Church.

The four victims were turning water place at the Armories last night when the boys of the Victoria Sea Cadet Corps presented ex-Sergt.-Major C. W. Jones with a gold watch in appreciation of his services as commander of the first class of the cadets.

The presentation was made on behalf of the brigade by Petty Officer Bory Stewart, and in a few well-chosen words of reply Mr. Jones impressed upon the boys that voluntary service and assistance to your fellow man was the very foundation of all first aid work, and the thought of reward was to be the spur to them. He advised them to enter for the Wallace Neashift Shield competition, which will take place shortly and to strive for the highest marks obtainable. He hoped they would beat the other fellas in efficiency, but if they did not, they would give all the credit where it was due.

Decay of Hong Kong Laid to Bolsheviks

London Newspaper Publishes Interviews Showing Alarming State of Affairs

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The continual civil war between rival factions, the increase of piracy, the disorganization of the railways and the spread of the influenza among Chinese Bolsheviks, which has its headquarters in Canton, northward along the coast, are causing the decay of the "magnificent British colony of Hong Kong."

This is the conclusion reached in interviews appearing in The Westminster Gazette by the spokesmen of leading British firms doing business in the Far East.

They point out that in the harbor of Hong Kong the Canton Government prohibits Norwegian, Japanese and German ships from proceeding to Canton from the west, while British ships are barred absolutely from the Canton River.

Fatal Grain Fire

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 23.—Fire destroyed the 100,000 bushel grain warehouse of E. Steen & Brother here last night, took the life of one fireman and injured five others. Captain Harry C. Jones, fifty-one, aide to Fire Chief August Emrich, was fatally crushed under falling timbers.

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THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

The term of the present Lieutenant-Governor expires today, but he is carrying on the duties of his office until a successor is appointed. The time is peculiarly appropriate for paying a tribute to the tact, breadth of mind and admirable public-spiritedness which he has shown during his incumbency of the high office. Mr. Nichol has proved himself eminently fitted for the post in every respect. In the social duties which devolve on the office he is fortunate in having a gracious consort. They have been hosts and hostess to the people of British Columbia, as well as to visitors in our midst, many times and always in a delightful way. They have, indeed, been the means of establishing the popularity of Government House on a scale which will make it difficult for their successors to emulate. They have done so, not merely through the medium of the entertainment provided, but by the faculty they possess of making their guests always feel very much at their ease. This is the secret of personality, and it has been displayed in a charming manner by both His Honor and Mrs. Nichol at Government House.

Mr. Nichol in the administrative duties that fall to his lot has always shown a clear and comprehensive grasp of the problems which beset this Province. He has brought to the discharge of those duties a background of information accumulated during many years in the newspaper field, and there is, perhaps, no arena of human endeavor where more varied knowledge can be acquired. He has brought, too, a judgment consolidated by years of successful administration of a great business enterprise. He has the advantage, as well, of the knowledge acquired by travel. Most of all he has, throughout his active career, been a keen student of British Columbia's affairs. Of these he possesses very full information and the discernment to judge what are desirable courses of policy to be pursued. We can well imagine that his acumen and well balanced judgment have been a source of strength to the British Columbia Government.

In the field of philanthropic effort Mr. Nichol has been a beneficent influence among the people, and he has been the same in every deserving effort calling for financial support and an enlightened sympathy. In these respects, indeed, he has been a princely giver and a giver who always has given because his heart was in the cause. No institution, we feel certain, whose energies were devoted to any effort for the betterment of the social well-being of the community of British Columbia, ever appealed to him in vain. His heart has been generous in every respect, and his purse open to every legitimate appeal. The people of this Province owe him a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid. In every way he has brought to bear upon the duties of the high office which he occupies the doctrine of noblesse oblige. Because of the qualifications he possesses and has exercised to such good purpose his name will stand high in the historic roll of Lieutenant-Governors. It is a pleasing duty to be able to record public appreciation of his tenure of office. When the time comes for His Honor and Mrs. Nichol to vacate Government House, we are assured they will leave behind them the pleasantest memories of an occupancy which will prove of lasting benefit to the people of British Columbia.

PARCEL POST RATES

One of the causes which militate against the sending of Christmas presents in the mails is the heavy rate of parcel postage which is maintained. That cost is out of proportion to the service that is rendered. On top of the regular cost the Post Office Department carries on a strenuous campaign at Christmas time urging people to register or insure their parcels, thereby adding to the cost of carriage. There are set rates, we believe, for parcel postage, but the senders rarely know what they are, and to those senders there always seems to be in operation a discriminating imposition on the carriage which appears inexplicable. A small parcel of holly, worth perhaps ten cents, will cost 20 cents for its carriage a few hundred miles. A packet of books costs 30 cents to dispatch from one point of Vancouver Island to another. The postage rate often exceeds the value of the parcel sent, and it is an element which has to be considered very seriously in the habit of Christmas giving.

The fact of the matter is that the parcel post rates are by far too onerous. We have been conducting a campaign in this Province for the reduction of freight rates on the railways. Far more relief would be given to the man in the street were that campaign changed to one for a reduction in post office rates. It seems as if the Post Office Department is too vitally concerned about making a profit. We say

nothing about its service in this respect. The excellence of that service within the Post Office itself is admirably supplemented by the railways, but the time has surely come when Canadians can demand that postal facilities should be available at lower rates than maintain at present. It is at Christmas time that the incidence of these rates is felt most severely, especially when thousands of persons, who never send parcels at any other period of the year, come into contact with the charges of the Post Office. The郵政局 wanted in that institution are altogether confined to the charges levied. There should be two cent postage on letters within the Dominion and definite reductions on parcel post charges so as to promote wider business and give relief to a people who are already so much embarrassed by all forms of taxation.

AN IMMIGRATION POLICY

Hereafter, by an arrangement between the British and Canadian Governments, British immigrants are to be admitted to this country on easier terms than in the past. The fares provided are, indeed, ridiculously low and they will prove before very long what is the extent of the desire that may prevail in Britain for a transference of a proportion of its population to this Dominion. The question now is as to the type of immigrant to be selected. Under the new arrangement almost anyone from Britain will find it possible to try the adventure. The onus which rests upon our Dominion Government in the premises is to do what lies in its power to see that the newcomers, provided they are willing and capable, find work on their arrival. As the seasons come and go, the ghosts add to their numbers. We can remember a time when our ghostly visitors were comparatively few. This year we expect the room in which the Christmas cheer is set forth to be full of them—for our ghosts are memories of relatives and friends who have finished their course in this world and rest from their labors.

Some of the ghosts represent elderly persons dressed in the fashions of long ago. Some of them are young people clad in uniform. One or two of them are little children who would be comparatively old people now if they had not left the land of substance and gone to the land of shadows.

But none of the phantoms are visible to the young people who have gathered to celebrate the season of glad tidings and goodwill towards men. The company has brought its gifts and laid them at the feet of the little children in accordance with the custom established at Bethlehem ever so many years ago. The seasons will come and go, the children will grow to maturity, the young people will become old men and old women, the old people will join the invisible company, and the places which knew them shall know them no more.

But reveries of this kind are quite out of place at the festive board during the joyous Christmas season. The pleasures of memory—and they are real pleasures to those who are privileged to indulge in them—are reserved for those who are within measurable distance of the allotted span. Let the younger people enjoy themselves while they may. And we wish them all a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Arthur Brisbane, a writer and commentator who seems to have attained considerable eminence and some popularity in the United States, is constantly beseeching the public men of his country to refrain from meddling in the affairs of Europe. Mr. Brisbane in an article published in the Hearst newspapers says "it is a good thing to mind your own business if you can, even if you have to give up the pleasure of stealing somebody else's oil wells."

The first part of this sentence is worthy of being made a note of; the second part of it contains an unwarranted insinuation. The Congress of the United States is at the present time impatiently meddling in the affairs of one of the nations of Europe and in the affairs of Canada. It is asking the American Government to insert a probe into the rubber business as it is conducted by Great Britain, and into the pulp wood business as it fears that business is going to a dead end. We risked all our money and all our men of military age, and we have not yet had time to rebuild the fabric of our life and trade. Presently we shall recover completely—we have traveled far on the road to recovery—but until that time arrives we are content that our deeds shall speak for us."

There will be a solar eclipse on January 14 next, the path from which the Sun may be seen totally eclipsed running from East Africa near the Equator across the Indian Ocean to Sumatra, Borneo and the Philippines Islands. An English expedition of astronomers from Greenwich and Cambridge will view the occurrence from Benkoolen in Sumatra where the duration of totality on the central line will be about three and a half minutes. The work to be carried out by the expedition will be mainly spectroscopic and special attention will be paid to the ultra-violet and infra-red portions of the coronal and flash-spectra. An Italian expedition will observe the eclipse from East Africa.

The Irish Free State Commission on the liquor traffic finds a marked diminution in drunkenness. At the same time it is pointed out that there is one public house (saloon) to every 230 people as compared with one to 695 in Scotland. One of its recommendations is that the number of licensed houses should be reduced to one for every 400 inhabitants.

We hope there is reason for the alarm expressed in the American Congress about the future of the pulp wood industry of Canada. We hope the Parliament of this country is about to take measures for the protection from exploitation by Americans not only of our pulp wood but from exploitation by Americans of all our raw materials. We have but faint hope of a Parliament led by Right Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King according to the dictation of a minority of Progressives adopting such bold but necessary measures. But the Cana-

Note and Comment

By R. B. D.

We can remember a time when almost everybody believed in ghosts. We even can remember people who claimed that they had seen ghosts, and firmly believed that they had seen them. Nobody in this country believes in ghosts now, except possibly little children or persons whose physical and mental development has been arrested—people who, like Peter Pan, have never grown up.

Well, we believe in ghosts—and if you live long in the land you will be a ghost in ghosts too. Ghosts have a habit of appearing during the Christmas season, just at the time when their presence may not be welcome to some people and a source of annoyance to a few people. The ghosts which hover around us are always welcome, although they may create somewhat of a pensive feeling in our heart.

Ghosts seem to delight in manifesting their presence at annual family gatherings such as Christmas dinners. As the seasons come and go, the ghosts add to their numbers. We can remember a time when our ghostly visitors were comparatively few. This year we expect the room in which the Christmas cheer is set forth to be full of them—for our ghosts are memories of relatives and friends who have finished their course in this world and rest from their labors.

The English peasant has in his nature all the elements of the English character. Give him out-of-door work and he will be happy enough when there is occasion; he is ready for a row when his blood is well up; and he will take to his book if you will give him a schoolmaster. What he, indeed, but the rough block of English character? How him out of the slough of overdriving labor, chisel him and polish him, and he will come out whatever you please. What is the stuff that your armies have chiefly been made of but the English peasant? How many of them have been carried off to man your fleets, and when they came to shore again were as good as new? Give him a jester, a jester, a jester, and he will be a jester.

The English peasant has in his nature all the elements of the English character. Give him out-of-door work and he is ready pleased; wrong him, and who is any Jack of them all?

Lighthearted

"In his younger days, before the care of worldly ways, he is a clod, but very light-hearted creature. To see a number of young country fellows get into play together always reminds one of a number of heavy cart-horses turned into a field on a Sunday. They gallop, and kick, and scream; there is no malice, but a dreadful Jeopardy of bruises, of broken bones, of falls, of broken necks, of horse-play. It is all slips and bangs, tripping-up, tumbles, and laughter. But to see the young peasant in his glory, you should see him hastening to the Michaelmas fair, stout, bullocking, or mop. He has served his apprenticeship, has made his pocket, his sweater, his arms, is in a hurry to meet her at the fair. Whether he goes again to his old place or a new one, he will have a week's holiday. Thus on old Michaelmas Day, he and all his fellows, all the country over, are let loose. There they go, streaming along, lads and lasses in all their finery, in a wild, gay, noisy, loud talk. And he does not mean to be stolid today. He will treat his lass and buy her a new gown into the bargain. They shall see the shows and stand in a crowd before them with open eye, and open mouth, wondering at the beauty of the dancing girls, and the girls, and the boys, and all the wits and grimaces and summersets of harlequin and clown. They shall have a merry dinner, and a dance, like a dance of elephants and hippopotamals, and then, "Tomorrow to fresh fields and pastures new."

Cause of Unrest

"And these are the men that become audacious and desperate; that become rascachos and incendiaries; that become bandits? Is not the peasant, the man of the earth, but of the district, the man of the town? What then? What makes the wolves herd together and descend from the Alps and the Pyrenees? What makes them desperate and voracious, blind with fury, and revelling in vengeance? Hunger and hardship! When the wolf comes, it may, in case, well fed and well clothed, what does he? How many peasants are in a wolf, or ricks in a farmer's yard? When he has a dozen backs to clothe and a dozen mouths to feed, and nothing to put on the one and little to put in the other—then that which seemed a mere playful puppy suddenly starts up and becomes a fierce animal. How he grows! With what fatal indifference he shoots down pheasants or gamekeepers! How the man who so recently held up his head and laughed aloud now sneaks, a villainous fiend, with the dark lantern and the match to his neighbor's rich! Mortal sin! Can this be the English peasant? Who is the man, then, the very man? But what has made him so? What has thus demoralized, thus infuriated, thus converted him into a walking pestilence? Villain as he is, he is alone to blame—or is there another?"

The school work, I am not in a position to judge, is not of the greatest usefulness or otherwise, but of the districting in which I have personal knowledge, and can vouch for its splendid service to myself and others that I know of. Also may I add, in reference to Dr. Miller's criticism of the unprofessional conduct of the nurses in their nursing, that I have heard of an health officer, that I have never heard of one of them (and I have been in touch with quite a few of them these last four years) say one word detrimental to, or of disrespect, to the character or conduct of the medical officer over them, but on the contrary, they have been anxious to stress the necessity of medical advice, and have been very chary of offering their own, ever keeping in mind the etiquette of the profession demanded of them. Therefore I say, all honor to the brave women who have elected to serve suffering humanity at small gain to themselves.

(M.R.) M. E. LOWRY

2271 Wascana Street, Saanich, B.C., December 22, 1925.

Vancouver Island Foxes

"With reference to Mr. Beaumont Bonge's letter in the Daily Times of the 22nd inst., relative to the fox industry on Vancouver Island. It is very true that this industry is in its infancy here, but why cheapen it by raising inferior stock. On a properly managed ranch, stock with registered pedigree, male there is no such thing as speculation, on all you can be insured against death from accident, disease, or theft, at a nominal cost. This eliminates the speculative feature and puts this industry in the gilt-edged investment class. Why do both the Canadian and American foxes do not have the power to foster the industry that will, in the course of a few years, bring millions annually into this Province by instituting rigid registrations?"

Do cattle breeders pay big prices for registered pedigree stock just for registered pedigree stock? If the same rule applies to foxes, if the same rule applies to foxes, if you are not breeding the class of stock demanded by the people who can pay big prices, as these animals are always more or less runty, then depreciation is very great. Ranches must be graded as to texture with preference given to medium-sized pelts.

The question of introducing wild stock in order to keep up the virility of your strain is absurd, as our deer are more or less runty, then depreciation is very great. Ranches must be graded as to texture with preference given to medium-sized pelts.

Born in 1925, the statement that foxes are prime here (that is real foxes) early in December is absolutely true, as anyone experienced in fur can vouch for who attended the ranch sale in December.

At the Vancouer December 19, 11 and 12, Three foxes raised on the

winter's ranch took three firsts, three seconds, one fifth, four eups and the vixen sweepstakes, in competition with about 200 animals from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and the British Columbia. Myself and the other ranchers

are beyond the shadow of a doubt that it pays to start off right, by raising what the market demands, even if your foundation stock costs a little more.

The man who owns these foxes is breeding his own pair of foxes, and he refused \$1500 for the champion vixen and one of his dog foxes. The public are interested in this industry and the interest will

R. B. D. Saville.

Raised on G.N.R. Tracks

KAMLOOPS, Dec. 23.—Walking on the Canadian National Railway track last night near Louis Creek, Dave Miller, a trapper, a rancher, Badger Creek, was killed in the east-bound passenger train, his body being badly mangled. He was a single man, a native of England and had been resident in the district for eight years.

dian Parliament did decide to adopt a policy of protection for Canadian pulp wood, would that not be a purely domestic matter, and would it not be an important thing for Congress to inquire what we meant by doing it?

The English Peasant

The following is an extract from a series of articles descriptive of the different sections of the British people, written in 1839.

"But the English peasant is not the English peasant, and unvaried is his character? To be sure, he has not the wild wit, the volatile tongue, the reckless fondness for laughing, dancing and shilling of the Irish peasant; nor the grave, plodding habits of the Scotch one. He may be said to be in his own physiognomy, 'between' and be neither. He is wild when he wants it, he is ready to be merry enough when there is occasion; he is ready for a row when his blood is well up; and he will take to his book if you will give him a schoolmaster. What he, indeed, but the rough block of English character? How him out of the slough of overdriving labor, chisel him and polish him, and he will come out whatever you please. What is the stuff that your armies have chiefly been made of but the English peasant? How many of them have been carried off to man your fleets, and when they came to shore again were as good as new? Give him a jester, a jester, a jester, and he will be a jester.

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increase from year to year if rigid registration and inspection is insisted on.

The registration fee, by the way, is \$1.50 per animal. Not a very colossal sum when the benefits are taken into consideration. Thanking you for your valuable space.

W. J. KELLY.

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Saanich Health Centre

Sir.—In reference to the Saanich Health Centre question now up for consideration by the electors as to whether it should be continued, or even to a former system, I for one wish to go on record as fully approving the policy at present adopted, and wish to add my small tribute of praise for the very efficient work carried on by the nurses, independent of any criticism offered by Dr. Miller, whom I have heard speak of their services and the value of their work in conjunction with my own doctor for three confinements, and the valuable service rendered and can testify to their absolute dependability.

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Numerals "Five" and "Nine" Are Puzzle to Chinese on Telephone

Not many people could answer off hand what is the numeral which proves most puzzling to the local Chinese colony in using the telephone. B.C. Telephone Company officials say the situation here is not unlike that in China, communities up-island in announcing the English language.

The principal confusion, it appears, is in connection with the use of the numerals "five" and "nine," which are frequently mixed, so that wrong persons are called up in consequence. The Chinese have a great habit of

B.C. Family Going "Home" for Christmas



BUMPER crops and good prices have given Western farmers an opportunity to visit scenes of boyhood days. Britshers who took up farm lands in the Canadian West are taking advantage of the good season to sail back home for a view of familiar but long hidden sights and faces. Every East-going train carries scores of happy men and women bound for the Old Country.

Christians and New Year in London. What visions these exiled Britshers call up in their minds of return. And now, to be there again. Of course, it is only for a while. But they are able to return to their respective places in the scheme of affairs in their adopted country and work with increased enthusiasm to make their lands yield the maximum. They are better citizens for they will endeavor to make this Canada the staunchest and most prosperous link in the British Empire.

Every prosperous farmer who returns to Great Britain is the best advertisement the Dominion of Canada could

possibly have. Every one of these is a booster, proving conclusively that man with the determination to work can and will succeed.

Travelers who intended to reach the Old Country for Christmas came on the Imperial special from the West in time to board the Canadian Pacific liners Metagama and Melita at Saint John, N.B. About two hundred and fifty passengers crossed in time to get the St. Melita on December 10, while three hundred and fifty Canadians arrived in Saint John for the St. Metagama, sailing on December 11.

In these groups were passengers intended for various parts of the British Isles, one distinctive family group being Mrs. George Patterson, of Vancouver, with her four smiling Canadian-born children. Snapped aboard the first Canadian Pacific holiday special as the train passed through Winnipeg, Mrs. Patterson said she was paying a visit to her native heath in Scotland at Road Meeting, Carkirk, Lanarkshire, for the first time since she came to Canada, twelve years ago.

Boys' Parliament Starts Session Here Next Week

Fifty Boys, Representing Nearly All Districts of the Province, Gathering in Capital City

Six Local Representatives

On Monday of next week the 1925 session of the C.S.E.T. Older Boys' Parliament opens its annual session in the Assembly Chamber, Parliament Building. The session will carry on until Thursday, when prorogation will take place.

Altogether the parliament will consist of fifty boys, forty-one Tuxie Boys and nine Trail-Rangers, and nearly all parts of British Columbia will be represented. Cranbrook, Nelson, Castlegar, Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, Port Moody, Burnaby, New Westminster, Salmon Arm, Kamloops, Merritt, Agassiz, Milner, Ladner, Port Moody, New Westminster, Gibson's Landing, Nanaimo and Ladysmith.

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Paschelle Family Tree, Several Yards Long, Produced in Court

In Chambers yesterday morning there was produced in court a large family tree, several yards in length, representing the winding up of an estate which has become well known in this city owing to trouble which the city has had in adjusting its claims upon the property that was left. The city at the present time is the custodian of the estate.

The estate is in the hands of Grace M. Paschelle. Application was made on behalf of some of the claimants when Mr. A. D. Crease produced the family tree which, he said, had been prepared, showing as far as could be ascertained, all the relations.

Mr. C. L. Halloway, for the city, and Mr. J. P. O'Halloran, for Mr. H. O'Halloran set for all not otherwise represented, and Mr. Harry Lawson informed, the court that he appeared for some claimants and that there had been others who had requested him to act for them just recently.

The court agreed to have Mr. O'Halloran appear for those not otherwise represented.

Washington Christmas Trees

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 23.—Christmas tree shipments from the State of Washington this season amounted to 260 carloads, containing approximately 730,000 trees and brought about \$24,000 to the shippers. It was announced this morning by George C. Joy, state supervisor of forestry.

Abductor Appeals

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—Convicted of abduction of a fourteen-year-old girl and sentenced to two years' definite and two years' indefinite imprisonment, John Loftus had entered an appeal. Loftus claims that the girl at the time of the alleged abduction was not under the control of her guardian.

Re-elected to Cabinet Of Boys' Parliament



WILLIAM J. BELL
Attorney-General in the second C.S.E.T. Boys' Parliament, who was re-elected by acclamation in Vancouver South, and who will take a prominent part in the session to open here next Monday.

Obituary

NOW.—The death occurred at Gordon Head last Tuesday of Wong Tchee Kow, aged fifty-three years. He was a native of Canton, China, and had been a resident of this city for the last twenty years. The funeral will take place at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel this afternoon at 2:30. Interment will be made in the Chinese Cemetery.

MURRAY.—The body of the late Mrs. Isadore Ellen Murray is reported at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel where service has been arranged for Saturday afternoon at 2:15. Interment will be made at Royal Oak Burial Park.

HALCOMB.—Funeral service for the late Capt. George W. Shatto Halcomb was conducted yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel by Mr. J. M. Healy. The hymn sung was "O Gentle Presence, Peace and Joy and Power." Many friends were present, and a profusion of floral tributes were received. At the close of the service the body was forwarded to Vancouver for cremation.

ANGUS.—The funeral of Mrs. Mary Angus took place at 10:45 o'clock yesterday morning from her late residence and proceeded to Christ Church Cathedral, where service was held by the Very Rev. Dean Quainton, assisted by the Rev. F. H. Fatt and the Rev. A. M. Hughes. The pallbearers were Messrs. Angus, J. A. Angus, D. J. Angus, E. T. Rogers, F. T. Rogers and J. C. Bridgman. The body was laid to rest in the family plot in Ross Bay Cemetery.

BOLDING.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Ruby May Bolding, wife of Mr. William Bolding, who passed away at Ross Bay Hospital, Tuesday, will take place this morning from the Bands Funeral Chapel at 10:30 o'clock, and ten minutes later mass will be celebrated at St. Andrew's Cathedral by the Rev. Father Desley. The body will be laid to rest in Ross Bay Cemetery. The late Mrs. Bolding was survived by her husband and three children. She was twenty-seven years of age and a native daughter.

GLOVER.—The death took place last evening at the family residence, 2307 Howard Street, of Mrs. Alice Martha Glover, wife of Mr. Edward G. Glover, a thirty-year-old man, who died in Barrie, Ontario, and had been a resident of this city for the last seven years. The late Mrs. Glover is survived by, besides her husband, one son and one daughter, also her mother, Mrs. Annie Braden, at home, and one brother, Mr. A. W. Braden, of Vancouver. The body is resting at the Bands Funeral Chapel and the funeral date will be announced later.

Negotiations on Power Extension To Be Resumed

B.C. Electric Railway Company Hopes to Reconsider Proposed Up-Island Transmission Line

Protracted Delays Arise

Negotiations will be resumed early in the New Year looking to the extension of the B.C. Electric Railway power line up-island. Announcement to that effect was made yesterday on the heels of news that the negotiations between the Nanaimo City Council and the Nanaimo Heat, Light & Power Company had not reached a conclusion.

Recently a representative of the company attended a committee meeting of Nanaimo citizens in question, under the auspices of the Nanaimo Board of Trade, but until the decision announced above was available, it was considered unwise to proceed with the scheme.

The company's project is to build the B.C. line north, under the Island Highway and to generate and to sell power in bulk to the municipalities of Duncan and Ladysmith, and to the Nanaimo Light Company.

The cost of construction of this power line is estimated at about \$400,000.

The scheme is strongly supported in Duncan and Ladysmith from domestic lighting standpoint. To warrant the heavy initial expenditure by the B.C. Electric a great industrial expansion in southern Vancouver Island is desired.

The Terms to Consider

The company's offer to the city of Duncan, as laid before the Council on June 15, and then considered satisfactory is as follows:

To construct the necessary transmission lines and to install the required step-down transformers and meters in the city's power station on Front Street, and to sell power in bulk to the municipality at the following rates:

From 30,000 k.w.h. 4 1/4 cents per k.w.h.

Near 20,000 k.w.h. 3 1/4 cents per k.w.h.

All over 50,000 k.w.h. 2 1/2 cents per k.w.h.

The City of Duncan is to guarantee to purchase current to the extent of \$100,000.

To Ladysmith the offer was similar, except a minimum of \$10,000 per annum is set, and a price of 5 cents per k.w.h. for the first block of power, as against 4 1/4 cents to Duncan.

By-Laws Necessary

Both Duncan and Ladysmith would have to submit a by-law to the electors before a contract could be entered into. Owing to the delays this course has yet to be followed.

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reg. 25c bottle for		reg. 25c bottle for	
Grantham's Ginger Punch,	39c	Glace Cherries,	45c
reg. 50c bottle for		reg. 65c lb. for	
Empress Mincemeat			55c
reg. 65c jar for			
C. & B. Plum Puddings,	39c	Clark's Plum Puddings,	28c
reg. 70c tin for		reg. 50c tin for	
Fruit Wine Cordial,	12½c	Libby's Picnic Asparagus,	20c
reg. 15c bottle for		reg. 25c tin for	
Fairall's Ginger Cordial,	33c	Libby's Asparagus Tips,	37c
reg. 40c bottle for		reg. 45c tin for	
Del Monte or Libby's Peaches,	22c	Libby's Large Asparagus,	40c
reg. 30c tin for		reg. 50c tin for	
Trupak Green Beans,		Reception Plum Puddings,	80c
asparagus style, most de-		reg. \$1.00 for	
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		Reg. \$2.25 for	
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assorted, reg. 35c lb. for		reg. 35c lb. for	
Gum Drops,	20c	Assorted Chocolates,	40c
reg. 25c lb. for		in ½ and 1-lb. boxes	81.25
Fresh Fruit Cake,	55c	to	
per lb. 30¢, or 2 lbs. for		Christmas Crackers,	\$3.00
Cherry Cake,	39c	pkt. 10¢ to	
reg. 50c lb. for		Santa Claus Stockings,	\$1.50
Almond Iced Cake,	50c	10¢ to	
reg. 60c lb. for		Almond Paste,	60c
Ground Almonds,	75c	ready for cake, per lb.	
reg. 95c lb. for			
Sweet Oranges, per doz.	19c	Well-Berried Holly, per lb.	50c
Nice Juicy Lemons, per doz.	19c	California Grapefruit, 4 for	25c
Fancy McIntosh Red Apples,	25c	Jap Oranges, per box	75c
10 lbs. for		Red Emperor Grapes, lb.	10c
Large Naval Oranges,	40c	Extra Fancy Table Apples,	25c
10 lbs. for		3 lbs. for	25c
Mixed Nuts, 2 lbs. for	35c	New Brazil Nuts, per lb.	80c
New Chestnuts, per lb.	30c	Best Quality Macadamia Nuts,	25c
Cape Cod Cranberries, per lb.	30c	1 lb. soft-shelled walnuts, per lb.	35c
Spanish Cluster Raisins,	50c	California Cluster Raisins, pkt.	25c
per pkta. 60¢ and		California Layer Figs	20c
Extra Large Smyrna Figs, lb.	40c	New Fard Dates, per lb.	25c
reg. 40c pkta. for	23c	Large Stuffed Dates,	50c
Large Cauliflower,	15c	reg. 65c pkta. for	
each, 30¢, 20¢ and		Fresh Brussels Sprouts, 3 lbs.	25c
Fresh Green Peas, per lb.	35c	Fresh Head Lettuce, 2 for	5c
Fresh Celery, 2 heads for	15c	Good Hard Onions, 10 lbs. for	25c
Netted Gem Potatoes,	17c	Fresh Parleyage, each	10c
17 lbs. for	25c	Fresh Parleyage and Sage, bunch	5c
Domestic Shortening,		Reception Breakfast Bacon,	40c
reg. 25c pkgs. for	20c	holly wrapped, lb.	40c
Cookit, lb. 20c, 3 lbs. for	58c	Peameal Back Bacon, lb.	40c
Reception Christmas Hams,	33c	Burns' Shamrock Christmas Hams, per lb.	36c
holly wrapped, per lb.			
Reception Pure Fruit Mincemeat,	20c	Prime Canadian Stilton Cheese,	37c
per lb.		Imported Gorgonzola or Roquefort Cheese, per lb.	55c
Or own container, per lb.	17½c	Swiss Knight Cheese, box	50c
Peanut Butter, per lb.	17½c	Kraft Cheese, per lb.	40c
Or own container, per lb.	16c	Or 5-lb. box	\$1.80
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per lb.		Choice Fillet Roasts,	35c
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Provincial Aid Asked In Bridge Rebuilding

One of the matters to be brought before the next meeting of the British Columbia cabinet concerns the question of Government aid in the reconstruction of the Fraser Avenue bridge, which, before it was seriously damaged a few days ago, connected the municipalities of North Vancouver and Burnaby, a distance from Mainland, waited upon Hon. Dr. Sutherland, Minister of Public Works, yesterday, asking for Provincial aid.

Rich Ore Located

KINGSTON, Dec. 23.—A rich vein of ore is reported from the One Chimney mine, near Victoria, where the results of blasting operations, the vein carrying galena and native silver, and previously assays of ore from the samples showed uranium, gold and lead.

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City & District

Museum to Close—The Provincial Museum will be closed on Christmas Day and on New Year's Day, but will be open on Saturday, December 25, and January 2, as usual, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Photograph Received—A photograph has just been received from the Archives Department of the valuable sheet of B.C. coins recently discovered among the “Mayfair find” in England.

Fisheries Regulations Violated—Hong Foo was fined \$20 and \$10 costs in police court yesterday. He was charged with having unlawfully bought fish from an Indian during the close season.

Theosophical Society—Today being Christmas eve, the usual weekly meeting of the Victoria Theosophical Society, Independent Order, was not held. The weekly Sunday meeting will be next Sunday at 181 Union Bank Building; subject, “The Real Christmas.”

Wards of Fire Monitors—Fire Chief Vernon Stewart yesterday made a statement urging care in the handling of Christmas decorations. Lighted candles and decorative wool are a particularly dangerous combination, Chief Stewart pointed out.

Calls for Tenders—City Purchasing Agent E. S. Michell yesterday announced that a call had been issued for tenders of painting of 300 street trees shortly to be manufactured by the city. Mr. Michell would also like it to be known that the forwarding of invoices due him would greatly facilitate the work of his department.

Wilk Flower Collection—His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has made an interesting addition to the Archives Department of the Provincial Parliament Buildings. A collection of original water colors of British Columbia with flowers painted by the late Miss Woods, comprises this latest gift.

Musical Degree—Mrs. Burton-Murphy, the principal of the Columbia School of Music, has been elected a member of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and the Royal College of Music, London, England, that her pupil, Miss Isabel Milne, has passed the final test with very high marks, and been awarded the Licentiateship (L.R.A.M.) and Teacher's Certificate of the Associated Board.

Wine Doll—The lucky winner of the doll contest, conducted by the British Columbia Electric Company, in connection with the opening of their new showroom on Douglas Street, was little Muriel Myles, a one-and-a-half-year-old girl, 152 Belcher Street. More than 800 children competed in the contest, but Muriel was the only child to guess the name, “Elsie.” The doll is about eighteen inches high and is most beautifully dressed. Mrs. H. J. Hodder, the electrician who opened the sealed envelope containing the name of the doll, and superintended the checking of the cards.

City Manager Plans—An educational campaign designed to advise a reorganization of the citizens for the better government of municipal government will be considered by the Real Estate Board of Victoria, according to a decision reached at yesterday's fortnightly luncheon of that body. A special committee, composed of Messrs. D. L. Lethbridge, W. Gabbert and H. Gilpin, yesterday presented a report favoring the change from the present form of administration. Final decision was deferred for one month to permit of a close study of the report on the part of the members of the board.

Publicity Brings in People From Prairie

Others, on Way to California, Succeed in Lure and Prefer to Remain Here

Optimistic news for the Christmas season is received from the Victoria and Island Publicity Bureau, whose office is located in the Winslow advertising campaign have already met with success.

It is stated by the Bureau that a greater number of people from the Prairies have come to the Island this year than ever before, testimony of which is found in business conditions in the city. It is the general experience of the bureau that the Prairies have almost a fifty per cent improvement in this year's Christmas sales over those of last year, extra hands having to be employed in shops where none were required before.

Victoria Is Better Known

When questioned as to their motives in coming here, the reply most generally given by visitors and prospective settlers is that the weather is better, more about Victoria and the Island in the immediate past than they had ever done before. This better information is considered to be the result of the excellent system employed by the Bureau of scattering publicity by means of circulars and post cards, and through the daily press.

The last venture was to send out 50,000 winter folders to all parts of the Prairies, as far as Winnipeg. In response to these folders Prairies people are already registering at the Publicity Bureau and stating that this is their first visit to Victoria.

Friends Placed With Charities

Many of them that came to the Pacific Coast with the intention of proceeding to California, but have been so struck by the beauty of the scenery and climate in Victoria, that they have decided to remain here, while the majority make inquiries regarding land, with the object of buying now or else returning to buy later.

Among the most notable of the publicity articles recently published about this city is one in the current issue of the Canadian National Railway Magazine, describing Victoria as one of the leading harbors of the Pacific Coast, while a whole page is given to Victoria in “Canadian Opportunities.”

Quoting from the account by Captain Bishop, “The historic arrival at the Pacific Coast at Bella Coola is a matter of great interest to the inhabitants of the valley, and of proud tradition to those Indians who told us gave MacKenzie his hospitable reception.”

The greatest interest of the ceremony, however, centres in the historic memorial painted by MacKenzie with a mixture of grease and vermilion on

Many Features Announced for Christmas Services at Churches

Announcement of the following Christmas and Christmas Eve services is made in connection with a number of the city churches:

Christ Church Cathedral—Services of Holy communion will be held at Christ Church Cathedral on Christmas Day at 7 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.; shortened Matins and Holy Communion at 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.; shortened Matins and Holy Communion at 11:45 o'clock on Christmas Eve. The special music will include the anthem, “Angels From the Realms of Glory,” by Maunder.

At St. Barnabas—The first of the Christmas services at St. Barnabas Church, 10 a.m. on Christmas Eve, will be the Eucharist at midnight, commencing at 11:45 o'clock on Christmas Eve. The special music will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and there will be the Sung Eucharist at 11 a.m. with processions.

At St. John's—At St. John's Anglican Church the services on Christmas Day will be: 7:15 a.m. holy communion; 8 a.m. holy communion, and at 11 a.m. morning prayer and holy communion.

The rector of St. John's, Rev. F. A. Colwick, will be installed in the vicarage by Rev. Montague Bruce, Rev. A. W. Woods and Rev. Mr. Cook. The music at the 11 a.m. service will include the hymns, “O Come All Ye Faithful,” “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing,” and “Angels From the Realms of Glory.” The organist will be Mr. G. J. Bent, and the anthem, “O Zion That Bringest Good Tidings,” by Stainer. The church has been beautifully decorated with a profusion of evergreens, holly and flowers. The offertory will be for the Diocesanwidowsoforphansfund.

On Sunday, December 27, St. John's Day, the special anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ, the rectory will be open from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

At St. Paul's Garrison Church—At St. Paul's Garrison Church, Esquimalt, tomorrow there will be Holy Communion at 7 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. followed by shortened Matins and Choral Communion at 10:30 a.m.

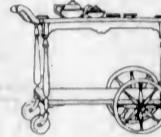
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Gift Suggestions for the Home

Tea Wagons
Walnut Tea Wagons, with glass bottom tray. Price, each \$29.50

Tea Wagons
Quarter Cut Oak Tea Wagons, with glass bottom tray. Price, each \$29.50

Tea Wagons
Solid Walnut Drop Leaf Wagons, with glass bottom tray and extra leaves. Price, each \$45.00

Lady Maid Tea Wagons
With large cupboard and electric wiring for attaching to floor plug, drop leaves and glass bottom tray. Price, each \$39.50

Console Tables
Dark Oak Console Tables in attractive designs, one drawer. Price, each \$32.50

Console Mirrors
Walnut framed, size 18 by 29, shaped top. Price, \$19.50

Hall Chairs
Old English Oak Chairs with carved backs. Price, \$17.50

Hall Chairs
Solid walnut in Queen Anne design, cane panel and brown leather slip seats. Price, each \$19.50

Windsor Chairs
Walnut finished, spindle bow backs and turned legs. Price, each \$19.50

Windsor Arm Chairs
Windsor style, with cut-out centre panel. Price, \$18.50

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Fruit Spoons, each \$2.15

Berry Spoons, each \$2.15

Dessert Servers, each \$2.65

Cold Meat Forks, each \$1.35

Pie or Cream Knives. Priced at, each \$2.65

Pierced Tomato Servers, each at \$2.65

Teaspoons \$6 for \$2.00

Pickle Forks, each \$0.80

Sugar Shells, each \$1.00

Jelly Servers, each \$1.45

Salad Forks, \$6 for \$1.55

Butter Spreaders, \$6 for \$4.00

Grapefruit Spoons, \$6 for \$3.20

Special Sale of English Stainless Steel Knives

Stainless Steel Dessert Knives Set of 6. Special at \$2.95

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Hand Embroidered Madeira Linens

Round Doilies, \$2.25 to \$2.75
Oval Doilies, \$2.15 to \$2.50
Tray Cloths, \$2.15 to \$4.50
Centres, \$2.75 to \$3.75
Lunch Cloths, \$2.50 to \$3.75
Infants' sizes, \$2.25 to \$3.75
Napkins, per dozen, \$5.95

Novelty Bridge Sets

Pure linen with colored overchecks. Cloth and four napkins. Per set \$5.95

Colored Linen Lunch Cloths

In gold, helio and blue. Size 54 by 54. Price, \$2.75

Napkins to match, priced at \$1.75

Irish Linen Hand Embroidered Tray Cloths

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Elaborately embroidered in charming designs.

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7-Piece Tex Sets, \$13.50

13-Piece Lunch Sets, \$21.50

13-Piece Dinner Sets, priced at \$45.00

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Suggestions From the Hardware Section

Aluminum Cocktail Shakers

Pint size, strainer top. Price, each \$1.25

Aluminum Toast Racks

Highly polished, holds four pieces of toast. Price, \$1.00

Aluminum Moulds for Jellies or Puddings

Pint size, different styles. Price, \$1.00

Children's Umbrellas

Pigmy style, novelty carved handles. Black only. Price, \$4.50

Gloria Covered Umbrellas

Satin cover, with alternate satin stripes; pigmy style. White or amber tips. Price, each \$4.50

Silk Covered Umbrellas

Satin border, novelty handles. Various colors. Price, \$5.50

Silk Covered Umbrellas

Steel frames, pigmy style, amber tips, novelty handles. Various shades. Price, \$6.75

Novelty Silk Covered Umbrellas

English made, strong steel frames; attractive handles. Various colors. Price, \$7.50

Children's Umbrellas

Pigmy style, strong frames, silk covers, neat handles. Red, green, navy and pansy. Price, each \$5.00

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French Vanity Cases

Hand-lined cases in assorted colors, fitted with mirror and powder puff. Prices, \$2.95, \$3.50 and \$3.50

French Novelty Holders

In fancy cases, plain or decorated. Various colors. Prices, \$5.00, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.25

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French Vanity Cases

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17-Piece, \$4.50, \$5.00

19-Piece, \$5.00, \$5.50

21-Piece, \$5.50, \$6.00

23-Piece, \$6.00, \$6.50

25-Piece, \$6.50, \$7.00

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33-Piece, \$8.50, \$9.00

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37-Piece, \$9.50, \$10.00

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41-Piece, \$10.50, \$11.00

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47-Piece, \$12.00, \$12.50

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67-Piece, \$17.00, \$17.50

Society and Women's Affairs

To Vancouver
Mrs. Harry Rowley, Jean Crescent, and son-in-law, Mrs. Denmark, left yesterday afternoon for Vancouver to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Denmark's son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. McNutt. Before returning to the city Mrs. Rowley will motor to Seattle with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. William Mackay, for a few days' visit.

Holiday in Vancouver

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown and their two children, Anne and Bonny, are leaving this afternoon for Vancouver, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Brown's sister, Mrs. Chisholm.

From Vancouver

Miss Gwen Gillies, who is a member of the teaching staff of the Wanigan High School, has arrived in the city to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gillies, Linden Avenue.

Christmas in Vancouver

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kent are among the Victorians spending their Christmas out of the city, having gone to Vancouver to spend the holidays with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Daryl H. Kent.

Returns to Vancouver

Mrs. Dorothy Holt is returning to her home in Vancouver this afternoon, after spending the last two weeks in the city the guest of Miss Betty Kirk, St. Charles Street.

From Portland

Miss Agnes Charlebois arrived in the city on Tuesday afternoon from



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Yacht Club Scene Of Delightful Dance

In honor of their daughters, Misses Mary and Margaret Ross and Miss Gwen Winsby, Mrs. Duncan Ross and Mrs. W. N. Winsby entertained at a delightful dance at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club last evening. Professor Gleaton's orchestra played the excellent dance music. The invited guests were: Miss Mildred Phillips, Misses Irene, Muriel, Misses Helen and Catherine Smith, Mrs. Irene, Miss Jean Cotter, Miss Frances Johnston, Misses Elaine and Mickey Galher, Misses Catherine and Doris Dane, Miss Billie Goward, Miss Dorothy Geake, Miss Jo Brandon, Misses Connie and Nancy Martin, Misses McConal, Misses Mary Martin, Misses Audrey Tripp, Miss Helen Hayward, Miss Audrey Tooley, Miss Kathleen Ross, Miss Beth Grimshaw, Miss Florence Whitney, Miss Louise Wilkinson, Miss Kathleen Brown, Miss Mary Sutherland, Miss Jennie Lifton, Miss Eileen Wilson, Miss Myra Galbraith, Misses Sybil, Francis, Miss Margaret Fletcher, Miss Hoppy Leesing, Misses Prudence and Patricia Robin, Miss Jean Moodie, Miss Justa McKenna, Miss Louise Pollard, Miss Millicent Umbrach, Miss Pamela Winslow, Miss Kathleen Haynes, Miss Jean Campbell, Miss Doris and Jean Oberholzer, Misses Elizabeth and McGregor, Miss Yрма Mitchell, Miss Eleanor and Nancy Johnson, Miss Doris Brown, Miss Margarette Sanderson, Miss Bernice Penzer, Miss Isabel Turner, Miss Hester Cleverland, Miss Bertha Wootton, Misses Josephine and Elizabeth Elspeth, Miss Jeannette, Miss Gwen Spencer, Miss Gladys McIntosh, Misses Ellbeck and Roger Wilson, Arthur Tripp, Gilbert McMoyil, Robert Halstet, Roy Keay, Elliott and Francis Playfair, Goldwyn Terry, Richard and Edward Moore, Tim Martin, Conway Parrot, Tom Moore, Bobbie Eye, Richard Dispenceker, Bradley Watson, Peter Fletcher, Douglas Wilson, Douglas Hunter, Archie Miller, Jack Bessant, Bill Mearns, Charles Heisterman, Cedric and Basil Walker, John Bennett, Reggie Wenman, Philip and Arthur, Dennis and Bill Hagar, Jack Edwards, Jack Aldrich, Campbell Yorke, Kenneth Moore, Harry Henderson, Kenneth and Douglas Genn, Geoffrey D'Arcy, Sonny Kuest, Lorrie Campbell, Sonny Monk, Howard Harman, Thomas Watkins, Eric Hicks, Tony Farmer, Donald Ainslie, Peter Bell, Walter and Arthur Farquharson, Donald McMenamy, Peter Higer, Ellis Thompson, Ned Hodges, Louis Rounding, William Pollard, Royden and Arthur Morris, James Burridge, John Davison, Ben Henderson, Andrew Wright, and many others.

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Christmas Closing at St. Agatha's School

The closing entertainment and prize-giving at St. Agatha's School, Blanshard Road, was given on Friday, when the principals, Mr. and Mrs. Hope Large, invited the parents and friends of the pupils to enjoy a varied programme provided by the children. Songs, dances and illustrations were done individually and in groups, and were well received. Calling for special commendation were some scenes from "As You Like It," in which the pupils showed a wonderful grasp of English. The various dances, particularly "Sleigh Rides," were much applauded and credit must be paid to Mrs. Mellor, who so ably trained the children in this phase of the school work.

The Rev. H. V. Hitchcock presented the prizes as follows:

For excellent progress, Dorothy Dodworth, excellent attendance, Lorraine Willerton;

excellent reading, Violette Horner, drawing, Violet Mellor; nature study, Hope Large, geography, Hope Large;

French, Victor Willerton; general good progress, Helen Holmes; essay, Diana; Sylvie Cunningham; essay, Division 1, Dorothy Dodsorth; reading, Geraldine Mellor; diligence, Diana Cunningham; general progress, Ian Llewellyn.

At the conclusion of the entertainment tea was served, and adjournment made to the class rooms to inspect and survey the school work of the pupils.

CHRISTMAS IN OLD COUNTRY

Travel to the Old Country is again made convenient for passengers this year by the British Railways' electric "train-to-ship" service afforded by the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Tourist sleeping cars will be carried through to ship's side at Saint John, N.B., leaving Vancouver as follows:

December 29 for sailing of "Montrose" to Liverpool, December 31.

December 4 for sailing of "Maitland" to Cherbourg, Southampton and Antwerp, December 18.

December 11 for sailing of "Metagama" to Liverpool, December 12.

December 10 for sailing of "Montclare" to Liverpool, December 14.

December 17 for sailing of "Montclair" to Liverpool, December 23.

For further information and reservations apply at ticket offices at 1102 Government Street,

Women's Clubs and Societies

Silver Tea

The Girl's Auxiliary of Gordon Head, will hold a silver tea on December 28, from 2:30 o'clock. The proceeds of the tea will be used for the missionary fund.

Sylvania School Has Annual Tree

Under Direction of Principal, Miss K. Ballou, Children Give Programme

The annual Christmas tree of the Sylvania School, Shawbridge Lake, was held yesterday, December 18, in a fine programme, with the pupils under the capable direction of Mrs. K. Ballou, principal of the school.

After the singing of the old carol, "Good King Wenceslas," by the school, Myrtle Chapman gave a recitation, "The Scarecrow." Then Ivy Ward recited "Taken In."

The most interesting part of the programme was a playlet, "White Magic," by the school. Gerty Copley gave a good portrayal of the Witch, while Lily Cromk made a stately and charming Queen.

Little Miss Myrtle Freyne's dainty portrayal of the Dryad of the Forest showed true histrionic talent. Ivy Ward and Myrtle Chapman, the powerfully built, the two wood nymphs who floated in at Miss Dryad's call, were very dainty and charming.

Iris Dick took the part of the sweet little Princess, while Winnie Copley and Margaret Graham were admirably fitted to the parts of the Prince and his comely page. The smaller pupils acted as goblins and fairies.

Myrtle Freyne recited "Receiving Sister Beau" in her usual brilliant manner, and this brought the programme to a close.

Then the pupils with their parents and friends repaired to Division 11, where the Christmas tree stood in all its beauty. The decorations were distributed by Mr. E. D. Sheringham, secretary of trustees, assisted by Mr. Robert Moulton, trustee, and Mr. George Taggart. The happy pupils then partook of an excellent supper, which had been provided by the ladies of the district.

Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. George Taggart, who were responsible for the supper arrangements. Miss Ballou, the principal, was presented with a box of handkerchiefs, also a substantial cheque by the people of Sylvania district, in recognition of her untiring efforts in her school work.

Pupils' Recital Proves Very Charming Event

The pupils of Miss Marion Henley gave a charming little recital at her studio, 1925 Foul Bay Road, on Tuesday evening. The pupils who took part in the entertainment were: Miss Marion Simpson, "Scarf Dance" (Chamomile); Miss Vegay, "Dancing 'Stump Song';" Miss Marjorie Routledge, "Berendae"; Miss Margaret Torrible, recitation, "Woman in a Shoe"; Miss Dulcie Routledge, "Study in C" (Heifer Carol Swindle); Miss Hilda Booth, recitation, "Gingerbread"; Miss Ethelberta Winifred Williams, "Wedding March" (Wagner); Miss May Phillips, "Scherozo" (Schubert); Miss Margaret Torrible, recitation, "Ashes of Roses" (McKay); Alynn Powers, waltz.

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Fashion Fancies
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Kiddies' Fete On Wednesday

Rotary Club Will Be Hosts to 500 Children of Poor Families at Christmas Tree

Next Wednesday will be a memorable day for the kiddies of poor families in Victoria. Rotarians, on that date, will hold their annual Christmas tree party in the Chamber of Commerce, and the event promises to be the most successful held by the clubmen. The function will commence at 3 p.m., when Santa Claus will make his appearance and gladden the hearts of over 500 children.

Santa will come with a large sack full of good things, and these will be transferred to a large Christmas tree. In addition to toys and candies, there will also be provided a tea and entertainment, including motion pictures, for the little guests.

Local associations, committees and associate members, for all they have already done in making scouting the success it has been, the power for good in the lives of so many of our boys. I appeal to each and every one to bring a gift of fresh things in 1926, which I trust will bring in its train continued progress in the movement at large.

To all Scouting, Scouts and Cub and all associated in the "game of scouting," my best of good wishes go along a truly Merry Christmas—made happier by many extra "good turns" and a Happy New Year of prosperity and "good camping."

Congress Takes Vacation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23—Congress began a twelve-day vacation today, during which time much of the ground work for a long and spirited session

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British Rule Profits India

Former Trade Commissioner States Problems Are Manifold

Mr. H. A. Chisholm, who, as trade commissioner for the Canadian Government, spent some three and one-half years in India, with headquarters at Calcutta, and recently resigned this position to join the foreign agencies department of the Sun Life Assurance Company, has come to the conclusion—after visiting every province of India and every native state—that the Hindu, the Mohammedan, and all the other tribes and castes of the country, are satisfied with British rule and British government.

If it were not for British fore-

sight and British mediation the probabilities are that chaos would ensue, Mr. Chisholm thinks in the course of an interview with The Montreal Gazette. The tension between Hindus and Moslems would break and the result would be immeasurably tragic. The present world war and civil service would disappear, leaving the country open to the jealousies and diametrically opposed peoples that inhabit India. The days of famine, before irrigation was introduced on the great plains by the British, would probably return with the withdrawal of the British.

Mr. Chisholm modestly declared that after spending that much time in India he knows relatively very little about the country. But in his official capacity he met a number of outstanding men of India, men of letters, of trade and of politics.

Climate and Religion

Religion in India, according to Mr. Chisholm, has not a little to do with the problems of the country. The rainy season, the hot dry period and the cold season. The population depended entirely on the monsoons, and it was not until the British undertook to irrigate the 80,000,000 acres of land that the days of famine were removed from India. The Hindus dominate the principal objects of worship—are the rivers and the cows. Everything depends upon the water and upon the animal that provides the labor and the nourishment of the millions of Indian men, women and children who inhabit the great plains of India and the other parts of Central India.

Mr. Chisholm said that ninety per cent of the railways of India are owned and operated by the government. They are administered by a railway board, comprising both Indian and English members, with a chief commissioner who has the final say-so. The Indian railways are a distinct asset to the country. Mr. Chisholm said, and the surplus profits amount to about \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000 a year.

Increasing Trade

Canadian trade with India has really come into being since the war. Before 1914 the trade between the Dominion and the Indian part of the colony was all, but last year the trade amounted to about \$4,000,000, said Mr. Chisholm. There are between forty and fifty Canadian firms that export at the present time. India imports very considerable quantity of gold and silver coins. No less than \$200,000,000 worth of gold was imported last year, to give an idea of the extent of the trade.

The principal exports of India are rice—30,000,000 tons annually; wheat, which amounts to the same size as the Canadian crop; cotton—\$25,000,000 bales, a great portion of which goes to Japan for the textile industries of that country; jute, sugar, tea, coal, and even pig iron, of which large quantities have been shipped to the United States and to Japan.

An importer, India is by far England's greatest market and sixty per cent of the goods brought into the country come from the United Kingdom, said Mr. Chisholm.

The British policy of isolation is gradually working towards giving India home rule, said Mr. Chisholm, but it is logical that this cannot be done in a day or a year.

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The Colonist Party in Santa Claus Land Send Out Final Dispatches

Indications From Old Santa Show That Christmas This Year Will Be the Merriest and Happiest of All History, With Extra Special Presents for Good Kiddies

By HOLLY BERRY
Special Correspondent of The Colonist in Eskimoland

CHAPTER VI

NORTH POLEVILLE, Eskimoland, Dec. 23.—(By Wireless)—In my previous dispatches I have described our visit to Santa Claus Land, and yesterday I told about our return to the home of the Eskimos. Santa Claus came back with us all the way, partly as a special honor to us, and partly to renew his acquaintance with the Eskimos, from whom he buys all his reindeer.

The Eskimos laughed.

Santa started the deer and in a flash the stag made a wild leap to get back to the herd, a half mile off.

Santa is a nimble old man, as you know, and thinks nothing of sliding down a chimney. But he missed jumping into the sleigh, and Santa and sleigh were tumbling and racing and dragging in the snow for many minutes, while the Eskimos laughed loudly.

At last the deer grew tired, and Santa picked himself up out of the snow with his cap gone and his whiskers and hair full of snow, but smiling and laughing just the same.

Then he very slowly and quietly went up to the deer, and started to talk to him, but the deer did not

the big reindeer stag they wanted to break for a sleigh. Then they closed in on him, and as the deer ran away, Santa threw the rope around his antlers, and succeeded in tying him to a stake.

They harnessed him to a low reindeer sleigh, with runners wide apart, so that it would not upset easily. Then up came Santa to break the deer—that is, get him used to the harness and sleigh, so that he would break a wild horse to a harness and wagon.

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Santa Claus and a Group of Eskimo Children, Saying Goodbye to The Colonist's Exploring Expedition.

primes would be, mentioning a number of boys and girls whom I know very well. But he made me promise not to tell.

Glad to See Us

We received a great welcome when we drove up to the Eskimo village of snow huts. Santa often visits them and so they have more Christmas than we have, and are very kind and happy people.

The chubby little fur-clad children came rushing out of their snow huts to meet Santa. Santa tots barely able to toddle were the most popular little puppies. Their faces were dirty, and they smelled of seal oil, but Santa didn't mind, for he knew they were good children, and his well-filled pockets were soon emptied of gifts.

Then Santa asked about the reindeer, and the little reindeer ran along. The Eskimos held him sadly that when the last baby reindeer were born, Layluk had swooped down on them with a cold north wind and snow, and many of the baby reindeer were frozen. You can imagine how sorry Santa felt about this, but there was nothing he could do to help them.

The rest of his drive to the cities and farms you all can tell about,

seem to like Santa's red coat and trousers, and sat up on his haunches and tried to strike Santa with his feet or knock his antlers at him when he came close enough to get him.

We all had a good laugh at Santa's expense. Three times Santa and the reindeer repeated the performance, except that Santa did not slide the sleigh again.

Finally, with all the coaxing and petting the reindeer gave up, and followed Santa like a good little dog back to the village.

We Say "Goodbye"

And now the Captain and Mrs. Captain and I, and all the Eskimos, had to say goodbye to the dear old man we all love so well.

But Christmas is not far off, and we hope to see him driving by on that eventful day.

Besides, he promised me that if I would watch out for him, he would give me a chance to take a picture of him driving up to the roof of an igloo, or the roof of a farmhouse, and going down the chimney.

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Santa Claus and the Eskimo Children, Inside One of the Little Huts Which the Eskimos Call "Home."

Layluk wouldn't pay any attention to him, for Layluk is no child anxious for Christmas presents.

After a while, a group of Eskimos came up to Santa, and one said, "Santa, you are such a wonderful driver, won't you break a reindeer for us?"

Wild Reindeer Is Caught

Santa laughed and said, "Now, neighbors, I know you like fun, and to play games, and eat others. I guess you'd like to play one on Santa. Your reindeer don't know me from any other man, but I'll show you how to handle a wild one."

"We are going to have some war pictures," shouted the Captain, and he was busy with his camera.

First, the Eskimos took rawhide ropes and lariats, and began searching through the herd until they found

On Christmas morning, when you find the toys and presents he has brought, just think of all those things you have learned about his life in the Far North.

And now

A Merry Christmas to All and to All a Good Night

Service Will Be Held Christmas Morning at James Bay Church

On Christmas morning at 11 o'clock a one-hour service will be held in the James Bay Church, at which the pastor will preside and deliver a Christmas message. It is hoped that a large number will be present, and in the spirit of worship enter into the true happiness of the Christmas season.

The Christmas entertainment of the Sunday school will be held on Saturday evening December 24. A splendid programme has been arranged, and visitors are advised to be on time in order to secure a seat.

Indians Committed for Trial

HAZELTON, B.C., Dec. 23.—Frank Bird and Alexander Bird and Jack Roy, Indians, who were recently charged with the murder of Matthew McLean, another member of their tribe, were found guilty of killing of his skeleton, which was identified by a tubercular bone, at Saltes, near here, yesterday were committed for trial.



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The Elves, Santa Claus' Bookkeepers, Consult Over the Final Records of Some Children on Vancouver Island.

Afraid of Love

By CHRISTABEL RUSSELL

At the Cafe Miramas

"You are English?" asked the man who looked like an Indian colonel.

Doria had been watching him for some time from the corner of her eye. He was sitting at the table next to hers outside the little cafe on the boulevards. With him was a woman she supposed must be his wife, a rather dumpy Englishwoman who

crowds which surged along the pavement.

"Interesting, isn't it?" he said. "Wonderful, gay Paris. Though I'm English, I like the English, I love the English."

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NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD

Limping Cougars Show Fight Against the Eskimos

Edmonton Team Wins by Three to One Against Victoria's Weakened Champions—Lester Patrick Is Classed as One of Best on Ice Last Night

EDMONTON, Dec. 23.—Victoria's crippled Cougars played marvelous defensive hockey tonight, and thereby saved themselves from a more severe defeat. The Eskimos won by 3-1, but on the night's play it might easily have been by several more except for the fact that the Coasters' aggression to break up runs met with their own goal. The Eskimos were on top of Holmes a dozen times, but the Coasters backed up desperately and kept them out.

Minus Fraser, Halderson and Meekling, all of whom are casualties, the visitors gave a display that amazed the Edmonton fans. The Cougars had exacted a heavy toll from the Eskimos and fought every inch of the way. Lester Patrick started on the defence for the visitors, and the "Old Master" did much more than spell his teammates, spilling Eskimo rushes right and left and being largely responsible for the lone Cougar tally of the night.

Clém Gagné Rough

The veteran worked his ice as long as any of the regulars, being forced to stay on when Clem Loughlin drew a major penalty at the end of the second for swinging his club on Gagné.

The Eskimos scored a goal each period, and were forced to work their hardest to roll up a winning total. Gagné worked through Shppard for the long goal of the first period six minutes after the bell started. The same gain combined with the second goal in the middle stanza, this time Shppard tallying on a pass from Gagné, who worked his way through from centre ice and flipped the disc over in front of the net. The Eskimos' final goal in the third period went to Shore, who started from behind his own net and dashed the entire length

of the ice to score.

A little over a minute later the Victorians availed themselves from a more severe defeat. The Eskimos won by 3-1, but on the night's play it might easily have been by several more except for the fact that the Coasters' aggression to break up runs met with their own goal. The Eskimos were on top of Holmes a dozen times, but the Coasters backed up desperately and kept them out.

Little Enthusiasm

The game did not rouse the fans to the heights of enthusiasm, but there was plenty of cheering for the exciting hockey. Shppard put up a peppery game on the Edmonton forward line, while Shore and Stanley were almost unbeatable on defense and rushed nicely. Holmes gave a good exhibition in the nets for the Cougars with Patrick and Walker the pick of the players in front. Frederickson was watched closely and was given no chance to shine.

The Line-Up

Edmonton Victoria

Huwart Goal . . . Holmes

Shore Defence . . . C. Loughlin

Stanley Defence . . . Patrick

Kests Forward . . . Fredrickson

Gagné Forward . . . Gagné

Walker Forward . . . Walker

Loughlin Sub . . . Oatman

W. Loughlin Sub . . . Anderson

Boucher Sub

Brenor Sub

Reserve, Carl Battell.

Summary

First period: 1, Edmonton, (Gagné), from Shppard, 4:06.

Second period: 2, Edmonton, (Shppard) from Gagné, 9:00.

Third period: 3, Edmonton, Shore, 4:00; 4, Victoria, Fredrickson, from Patrick, 1:20.

Penalties

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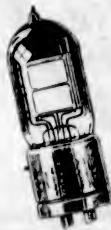
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Prince Murat Arrested On Swindling Charge

PARIS, Dec. 23.—Prince Michael Murat, whose wife was Miss Ida MacDonald Stoll, of Cincinnati, was arrested today on charges involving a worthless cheque and a swindle in the sale of a silver fox fur.

Prince Murat, on November 9, was sentenced to serve eight months in jail in default of his appearance to answer charges of having obtained money from Countess Salverde through selling gems belonging to her and appropriating the funds.



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Mr. Lloyd George Is Honored at York



Mr. Lloyd George recently received the freedom of the City of York. The picture, taken on the steps of the Mansion House, shows, besides Mr. Lloyd George, Dame Margaret Lloyd George and Miss Megan Lloyd George, the Lord Mayor of York (third on right), and the Lady Mayoress and Sheriff.

Suit Reveals Alleged Love Affair of King

Legal Battle of 160 Years Is Approaching Final Decision in Highest Courts in Germany

Suit After Suit Is Lost

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—A hundred and sixty-year-old legal battle, revealing an alleged clandestine love affair of King Frederick the Great, has undergone a change. Owing to four by-elections on November 30, three new Liberal members will be in attendance, representing Berlin, Charlottenburg and Jacques Cartier, and a new Conservative deputy from Argentorat. The standing of the parties is the same as last session: Liberals, sixty-four; Conservatives, twenty-four.

Mr. Arthur Shuve, leader of the Conservative Opposition, will be lacking the powerful support of Hon. E. L. Patenaude, who resigned his seat in Jacques Cartier in order to take part in the Dominion general election.

Natural Resources

Legislation regarding the natural resources of the Province of Quebec will be the outstanding governmental legislation.

It is expected that the Government will provide for the creation of forest reserves, and also take further steps to safeguard the forests, including those under the law. There will be some legislation as to water-power and possibly as to asbestos, though it is not expected there will be an embargo on the export of raw asbestos, as has been mentioned from time to time. What the legislature is liable to do, however, is to favor companies which manufacture the raw materials. One made, and this can readily be done, an adjustment of the royalties by the enactment of a sliding scale which will allow of re-bates of royalties, in whole or in part, on such raw material which is manufactured in the country.

Fortune Claimed

Frederedorff claims the fortune dates back to his great uncle, Michael Gabriel von Frederedorff, secret chamberlain to Frederick the Great. Many descendants of a historical character, Marie Elisabeth Daum, beautiful daughter of a Potsdam merchant, had lived in the eighteenth century.

Mile. Daum, with two children, moved into the palace, where she was known as Mrs. Frederedorff, widow of the chamberlain's brother, and was the subject of much attention by the King, the Frederedorff still alive.

The result was Frederedorff, it is contended, died under mysterious circumstances in 1757. The chamberlain died a year later.

Revelations Made

The alleged confession reveals that Mile. Daum met Frederick while he was Crown Prince, and when the latter became King and heaped favors upon his chamberlain, she became jealous. As a result, the document continues, she poisoned both the chamberlain and his brother.

Frederedorff's will, to gain his property and file a fake marriage certificate showing she was the Chamberlain's first wife, whom he had not legally divorced before marrying a second time.

Frederedorff's petition contends the King was shocked to learn the chamberlain had ignored his son in his will, but could not order an investigation for fear of exposing the illicit love affair with Mile. Daum, not only to the Queen but to the public.

Progress Made in Waste Elimination

Starting Results Follow in Direction of Largely Increased National Efficiency

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—A giant searchlight that will throw its rays 150 miles out to sea will be erected on the spire of the Broadway Temple skyscraper church building to be built on Broadway at 173rd Street, it was announced today. Final plans for the 24-story building were approved.

Greek Meets Hindu

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YANKEE, Dec. 23.—Jatindra Gobar, Hindu wrestler of Vancouver, and George Kotanomura, Greek wrestler of Los Angeles, secured one fall each in their match tonight. The latter had agreed to throw Gobar twice in seventy-five minutes, but the latter not only stayed the seventy-five minutes with only one fall against him but agreed his opponent to offer for a fall and kept on the offensive for the most part of the final forty minutes of spectacular mat work.

No Christmas Day Papers

LONDON, Dec. 23.—In accordance with what is now the established practice, no newspapers will be published here either on Christmas Day or upon the day following, which is Boxing Day. At one time there was no Christmas break at all for newspaper workers in England.

The Secretary cited Labor Department figures indicating that whereas

"What the country as a whole has accomplished during the last five years in increased national efficiency in these directions is impossible of measurement," the report said. "That movement is the result of a realization by every group—business men, industrial leaders, engineers and workers—of the fundamental importance of this item of waste elimination. In addition to elimination of waste we have had the benefit of notable advances in science; improvement in methods of management, and prohibition."

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Mussolini Played Champion of Weak

Was Known as Rebel at School

—Napoleonic Face Scared All His Opponents

What sort of man is Mussolini, and what is the secret of his success?

These questions, often asked by people throughout the world, are partly answered by Margherita G. Sarfatti in her book, "The Life of Benito Mussolini" (Thornton Butterworth, Ltd.).

A dominant personality and a Napoleonic type of face appear to have stood Mussolini in good stead throughout his life.

Mussolini, whose parents were poor but cultured, was born in 1883. As an infant he was a little tyke—frankly he must have been a most unpleasing child.

In the humble village classroom where his mother taught, Italy being what it was at that time, he used to creep on all fours beneath the benches, pinching the bare legs of the other little boys and girls.

His face frightened the children, and his determined look with his immense dark, shining eyes beneath a big bulging forehead, enabled him always to get his own way. He was fond of pulling little girls' hair.

But although Mussolini teased and bullied his schoolfellows, he was not a coward.

It is related that young Mussolini, when he was once overcome by a bigger boy, went forth to seek a sharp stone, and when he had found one he hit his foe and struck him thrice on the head!

Today Mussolini smiles proudly over this early triumph.

Man Not Be Bullied

He remarks: "We must not put up with bullying. We must never stand it, not from anybody. Whoever puts up with bullying is a coward." In these words are the whole essence of the doctrine of Fascism.

Later in life young Benito developed a strong instinct for protecting animals, plants, children and above all, women.

This instinct also became part of his doctrine of Fascism.

In early manhood Mussolini lived in Switzerland in great poverty. Here he studied philosophy and Socialism, and became a great admirer of Machiavelli.

Mussolini was a Socialist until the outbreak of the Great War, when he became a member of the Socialist party.

He broke with the Socialists and joined the Italian Fascist party.

In his final article in that paper he

wrote: "To refuse to distinguish between war and war, and to presume to offer the same kind of opposition to all war is to give proof of a stupidity bordering upon imbecility."

When the war ended and the Italian soldiers returned from the trenches seeking in vain for work, Mussolini beseeched the Government of the day to do something for the men who had defended their country.

At first his was a voice crying in the wilderness, but when the poison of Fascism began to spread through Italy men and women, princes and politicians, turned to Mussolini as their saviour.

Fascism Comes Into Being

A month after the first serious manifestation of Red Russia in Milan on February 28, 1919, Fascism came into being. It was born in a tiny meeting hall, and was described as an eagle hatched from a hen's egg.

In October, 1922, an Italian revolution seemed inevitable, and it became essential to make Mussolini a Minister, but a Ministry without a portfolio was no use to Mussolini.

He was now the commander of a black-shirted army, almost a dictator.

"We are the new Italy," he told the Government proudly. "The only hope of salvation. We cannot allow ourselves to be wasted."

He triumphed. The King sent for him and Mussolini became not merely a Minister of the Crown, but dictator of Italy.

Margherita Sarfatti gives a most intimate picture of the childhood and early struggles of Mussolini, and as such her book is of real historic value.

But much more might have been written about the Mussolini of today—the Controller of Fascism.

In spite of all that has been written, Mussolini will always remain an enigma.

Italy's strong, silent man revels in his solitude. He indicates as much in his comments upon Signora Sarfatti's book:

"I belong to all, am loved by all, hated by all," he writes. "This feeling has on me a kind of intoxicating effect. And then, when one belongs to all, one belongs to none! As someone has said already, you may attain the reyness of solitude in a crowd even better than in a desert."

Woman, III, Still Active

SIMCOE, Ont., Dec. 23.—Mrs. Nathan Fitch, 111 years old, is still very active and plays with the inmates of the Norfolk County Industrial Home like young persons, the matron of the institution stated in detail of reports that Mrs. Fitch was on her deathbed.

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Special Holiday Attraction

PLAYHOUSE

COLISEUM

The Coliseum Company in the Screaming Musical Farce

"Going Some"

The Screen Anna Q. Nilsson in

"Inez From Hollywood"

Saturday Matinee

Eight More Cases Against Physician

Oakalla Prison Doctor to Answer Additional Charges of Selling Narcotics

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23.—Eight additional charges have been laid against Dr. W. T. Hoyes, Oakalla prison doctor and surgeon, who is charged with illegally issuing prescriptions for narcotics to drug addicts. The new charges, which are of the same nature as that laid two weeks ago, were sworn to December 21 by members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who are handling the prosecution.

Investigation following the discovery that a number of well known addicts were in possession of prescriptions allowing them to buy and use narcotics led to the first information being sworn out. Continuing their work, the investigators caused the additional information to issue.

Dr. Hoyes appeared in police court this morning on the original charge and was remanded for one week.

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Killed in Machinery

MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—W. W. Hamulevits, forty-two, was killed yesterday when his coat became entangled in the machinery at the Canada Paint Company, Ltd., plant.

At the Playhouses

"Sporting Life" on Columbia's Screen

London Slums and Society Finery Shown in Feature Offering Today

LARGE sections of England were realistically reproduced at Universal City for "Sporting Life," the sensational stage play directed by Maurice Tourneur, which comes to the Columbia Theatre today.

It's set in London slums; gay parties in London supper clubs; a vast country estate; the famous annual Derby at Epsom Downs, and over all an authentic atmosphere of England, are to be seen in this sensational production.

"Sporting Life" is the title of the picture, and the director decided that it should be real sporting life that appears on the screen. Consequently, the thrilling horse race scenes, a boxing bout, with Tex Willer Lewis, a real champion participating, backstage shots of a musical revue, and many other gay scenes have been included in the production.

CAPITOL Concert singer, brilliant THEATRE pianist, expert fencer, aviator, linguist—these are just a few of the accomplishments of Dolores Cassinelli, who is appearing in an important role in First National's Milton Sills starring picture, "The Unguarded Hour," at the Capitol Theatre. Miss Cassinelli made her concert debut last May in Baltimore with Martinelli, the great Metropolitan Opera tenor.

Dominion Before starting work on "Classified," the feature attraction at the Dominion Theatre this week, Miss Griffith and Al Santell, her director, visited the classified ad department of several newspapers to get up first-hand information to aid them in obtaining the correct atmosphere of the photoplay. Jack Muirhall is appearing opposite Miss Griffith as her leading man.

COLISEUM Unlike the usual THEATRE Coliseum shows, there is no comic madcap in "Going Some," this week's clever offering, but this is more than made up for by the comedy. It is a boisterous story of cowboys and their rough and ready ways, and there is a laugh in every line. There is an enlarged cast and they all work well. "Inez From Hollywood," the screen's singing comedy queen, is appearing still, for it is a wonderful picture that will prove deeply interesting to every member of the audience.

PLAYHOUSE Harold Hechtel and Ernie Petch admirably handle the title roles of Hans and Frieda in Reginald Hincks' comedy production this week at the Playhouse Theatre. This function is a farce of the highest order, and those who have seen it have thoroughly enjoyed the performance. Wallace Beery makes his first appearance as a screen father in "Rugged Winter," Joseph C. Lincoln's dramatic story of the life-saving service of the New England coast.

"Sinbad the Sailor,"

Coliseum Pantomime, Opens on Monday

Interest is at a high pitch in "Coliseum" opening next Monday, with matinees Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Considerable expense has been gone to to stage a real old English pantomime, with all the blaze of brightness, music and fun that makes a "panto" the event of the year for young and old, and something to be remembered for the rest of the year. Money has been spent lavishly on lighting effects, new scenery and costumes, and the curtain will go up on a wonderful representation of a storm at sea. There are twenty-four characters, fairy choruses, dainty dances, comedy characters, including "Felix the Cat."

"Pantomime Creates Lots of Laughs at Playhouse Monday

"Old Mother Hubbard," the big Christmas pantomime, which comes to the Playhouse Theatre on Monday next, promises to sweep Victoria show pants with its humor, pep and music. While the production, put together by Reginald Hincks, is in the fullest sense of the expression "A real knockout," and the Playhouse players undoubtedly will score heavily throughout the entire week.

Roaring through the darkened cage, the train, with its engine, caboose, rolling, speeding down the hillside cameons of dirt, a landslide that threatened the train and its passengers, this is but one of the dramatic moments in "The Limited Mail," the Warner Brothers classic of the screen, which opens on Monday at the Playhouse.

Pigmies Were Once Highly Civilized

Been Degenerating for Centuries, Says Editor Who Has Seen Them in Sumatra

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 23.—Whether the primitive Dutch New Guinea is evolving or degenerating first must be determined before it may be classified as the "missing link" in the opinion of Mr. Albert Rebek, Tucson editor, who has seen the creature.

In commenting on the Smithsonian Institution's expedition to Dutch New Guinea, Mr. Rebek told of impressions formed when he went with a Dutch geological party to the uncharted fastnesses of Sumatra in 1918.

Pigmies may easily be called "ape men," he said, for their mode of living is not much above that of apes. Although his first contact with the primitive Dutch New Guinea is almost confined him, he found the gap in the Darwinian hypothesis. Mr. Rebek was amazed to learn the savages once had known a comparatively high state of civilization, as evidenced by remnants of art and writings in an alphabet known only to them.

Mr. Rebek's party established contact with the pigmies by signaling, but were never able to approach them. A few gifts of trinkets were left on a hillside. The next morning they were gone and jungle food was found in their place.

In this manner many trophies were obtained, while the natives were camped near, the pigmies took to trees like monkeys. The habitations were examined and found to be nothing more than nests.

As a result of his investigation, Mr. Rebek reached the belief that the pigmies have been degenerating for centuries, until now they are barely above the level of the lower animals.

On Dec. 23, he paid a visit to the city in the course of his world tour, is one of those rare individuals who add interest to the vocal powers by an extraordinary personality and dramatic powers.

All who have heard him have been astonished at the extent of his repertoire, which ranges through the whole gamut of song. Each song is complete in itself, a perfect cameo of love, comedy or drama, while his characterization throughout is said to be vividly compelling. With him comes Lenser, the famous young violinist, and Gladys Bayer, the world-famed pianist. Concerts are being given in the Empress Hotel on Saturday, January 2, and in the Chamber of Commerce Hall on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, January 4, 6 and 7.

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Police Accusations Against Him Denied



SIR BASIL THOMSON
Former chief of intelligence at Scotland Yard, whose arrest in Hyde Park, London, with a woman, has created a great stir in London. Sir Basil denies the police accusations against him.

Irish Poet Talks On Ireland's Hope

Padraig Colum Foresees Agricultural and Industrial Prosperity—Political Troubles

The aims and aspirations of the new Ireland grown up since the formation of the Irish Free State were outlined and explained by Padraig Colum, well-known Irish poet, when he addressed the People's Forum in Montreal.

Ireland's Viewpoint

The Irish people firmly believe that their land and traditions are as valuable as those of any other people in the world. They believe that if these characteristics are cultivated Ireland will be able to contribute immensely to the final culture. They are convinced that the nationalism of their country must be preserved if the greatest good is to be obtained from Ireland.

"They believed it would have been a distinct loss to the world if the Irish people had gradually merged with the Anglo-Saxons and finally lost their identity. That is why they fought to separate themselves from the influence of British culture. Not because British culture was not good, but because Irish culture was also good and needed room for development."

Despite the warnings that had been issued by people opposed to the formation of the Irish Free State and the alien evidence produced to prove that it would be failure, the Irish people preferred to believe in their own destiny rather than in the evidence put before them by outsiders.

Although for a year after the treaty permitting the Irish to conduct their own affairs was signed the country was almost a shambles and the scene of bitter civil strife, a lot had been accomplished up to the present, the speaker declared.

Long Struggle

For a long time it seemed as though the Irish could never agree upon any constructive policy. The atmosphere seemed hopeless and the deaths of Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins in quick succession appeared irremediable. The Government of the country fell into the hands of a group of men who had no clear idea what for a time they were unable to produce toward the goal they had set for their country.

With the accession of Congreve to the Presidency things took a great turn for the better. Since then much had been done in the way of distinctive educational measures, the formation of a representative government, the most democratic in the world and the beginning of an economic order that would, it was hoped, make Ireland into a prosperous state.

The contribution made to the Irish Free State by Congreve was one of the greatest so far, Mr. Colum believed.

Previous to the election of Mr. Congreve, the people had elected the man at the head of the Government. They believed implicitly in the ability of Griffith and Collins, but gave no thought to the Government as a whole.

But Congreve changed all this.

Little by little he refined his own personality from the public gaze and established himself as a genuine political leader.

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Vancouver Island

Adopts Important Motion on Roads

North Cowichan Council Deals With Island Highway Regarding Surfacing

DUNCAN, Dec. 23.—At yesterday's meeting of the North Cowichan Council, the following resolution was unanimously carried:

"Whereas it is proposed by the Government to make a permanent road across the Island Highway, and

"Whereas this is a capital expenditure, and under the Act the Government have the power to charge the municipality with two-thirds of the cost of such work, on that portion of the highway going through the municipality, and such share, if demanded by the Government, will possibly cost the ratepayers of North Cowichan \$7,000 in 1926, and a lesser capital sum in 1927 and 1928;

"Whereas such sum of \$7,000 is out of all proportion to the total annual expenditure by North Cowichan, namely some \$20,000, to construct and keep its 150 miles of road in the excellent condition as acknowledged by the Government they are at present, and

"Whereas such extra expenditure would increase appreciably the ratepayers' taxes in 1926, and

"Whereas the portion of the Island highway passing through the municipal city is only four-and-a-half miles and comprises only a small portion of a total of the municipality's roads, and is made up of principally by through traffic;

"It is resolved that the Government be respectfully requested to refrain from exacting its right under the Act to charge the ratepayers of North Cowichan for any capital expenditure on primary roads, until the present and long continued depression in agriculture has ended."

The council decided that in future the principal cemetery at Someside is to be known as "Mountain View Cemetery". Mr. Hintze has been appointed sexton, and it will be his duty to keep the cemetery at all times in a tidy condition.

Colwood Minstrel Show Is Attractive

COWWOOD, Dec. 23.—In spite of the inclemency of the weather, there was a good attendance at the minstrel show and dance, held here last night. Fifteen jolly minstrels occupied the stage. There were several encores, and much laughter caused by some excellent jokes. Captain F. James and Mr. W. Dickinson did good work in the selections of old men, and Mr. R. W. Robinson, as interlocutor, carried off his part well.

A large number stayed to the dance following the programme, the music being supplied by Mrs. E. Shields, Mr. J. H. Goodall and Mr. W. H. Betteridge. It is expected that a considerable sum will be added to the hall fund.

Young People's Society Of United Church Meets

KEATING, Dec. 23.—The Young People's Society of the South Branch United Church held its annual meeting in the church parlor, Monday evening, with a good attendance. The president, Miss MacNab, was in the chair. The room had been prettily decorated for the meeting with Christmas emblems by some of the members.

An invitation to attend a social which will be held in the Wesley Hall, Sunday, Dec. 29, was issued, and the military was instructed to write accepting it. Upon suggestion from the Keating society, it was decided to appoint a committee to arrange a debate between the two societies. Miss C. McNaib, Mrs. Heyer, and Mr. Heyer were appointed to arrange it.

Mr. McCleure, Jr., reported from the committee which had been appointed to arrange for the clearing of the ground around the church, and stated that two "bees" had been held and a good deal of work accomplished.

The election of officers was then held, with Rev. Mr. Lees presiding, and resulted as follows: Honorary president, Mr. George Bailey; president, Miss Chrissie MacNab; vice-president, Miss Alma Heyer; secretary-treasurer, Miss Ida Heyer.

Committees for the coming year were appointed as follows: Religious, Miss Lillian Deering and Mr. W. Mc-

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Vancouver Man Claims Damages of \$110,000



MR. CHARLES E. CAMPBELL
The Canadian Press has been served with a writ issued by Mr. Charles E. Campbell, publisher of the Edmonton Bulletin, claiming damages totaling \$110,000 against the Canadian Press and its president, Mr. J. H. Woods.

The basis of the claim purports to be that the Canadian Press became party to a conspiracy whereby Mr. Campbell, having purchased The Edmonton Bulletin in October last, had been wrongfully refused membership in the Canadian Press, and refused also its news service.

Social Club Holds Weekly Card Party

SIDNEY, Dec. 23.—The North Saanich Social Club held their weekly card party in the old school house. Approximately five hundred were played in fifteen tables. Prizes were won by Mrs. J. Gilman and Mr. J. St. Louis. Supper was in charge of Mrs. Lorenzen, after which a dance was held. Mrs. McLean and Raymond Brethour supplying the music.

Mrs. McKay and children, of Third Street, have gone to Seattle to spend Christmas.

Mr. Bates, from Saskatchewan, has come to live in Sidney with his uncle, Mr. Lemay.

Mrs. Bowcott and Miss Dolly Bowcott, of Queens Avenue, are staying in Victoria.

7,803 Canadian Army Pensioners Helped

Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment Work in London Keeps Staff Busy

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The general public hears very little of the work in the Canadian High Commissioner's office carried on under the direction of Major C. G. Arthur, D.S.O., overseas representative of the Canadian Civil Re-establishment of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, yet the work today occupies a staff of eleven persons, besides Major Arthur and his assistant, Mr. G. R. Middleton, who find as much to do now as they did five years ago.

Last month 7,803 pension cheques were sent out. This figure is 212 less than the strength for treatment for war disabilities and these men are served with all sorts of orthopaedic appliances. The department looks after Canadian ex-soldiers all over Europe, but at the present time only two or three are outside the British Isles. The work entails much more than the mere giving of pension cheques. There are often children to be looked after, widows' rights to be upheld, and mentally deficient people to care for. Of the 7,803 pensioners, about 40 per cent are widows or dependent parents.

As there is no Canadian hospital over here, an army hospital has been provided by the department for the treatment of disabled soldiers in the establishments of the British Ministry of Pensions. There are 300 men who have lost an arm or a leg, and 500 who suffer from minor disabilities necessitating the provision of splints, artificial noses, knee caps, etc., and a good deal of work is entailed in providing them with the necessary appliances which may be required.

The work of Major Arthur and his colleagues is carried out with sympathy and understanding and every effort is made to interpret the spirit in which the pensions have been granted by the Canadian Government.

New Oil Agreements Made in East Indies

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A dispatch from Batavia, Dutch East Indies, received by way of Amsterdam, reports that the Dutch Colonial Petroleum Company, which is a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company, of New Jersey, has entered into an agreement with the East Indian Government for the exploitation of five new oilfields in the East Indies. Two of those are situated in Palembang, Sumatra; two in Madura and one in Java, amounting in area to about 600,000 acres. A similar agreement, adds the report, has been concluded between the government and the Dutch Indian Oil Company, concerning oilfields in Sumatra.

Mr. Harry Forward, who sustained serious burns recently and has been a patient in the General Hospital, is at home again. He hopes to be able to attend to his duties again at the Timberland Camp after the holidays.

Mr. Dominic O'Connell, who was seriously injured when falling from a bridge on which he was working, is reported to be progressing very favorably under treatment at the General Hospital. His sister, Nurse O'Connell, of Victoria, is attending him in hospital.

A supper and dance will be held in the Athletic Hall on Christmas night, under the auspices of the Ladysmith Junior Soccer Team.

Archdeacon Laycock, of Victoria, gave a most interesting address in the New Parish Hall of St. John's, when he visited the Ladysmith recently, the subject selected for the evening being the work among the aborigines of British Columbia.

Christmas Services

COWWOOD, Dec. 23.—Services on Christmas Day in the district will be 8 a.m., holy communion at St. John's, Cowwood, and 10:30 a.m., at St. Matthew's, Langford.

Call for Coal

The Ms. Admiral Watson called at the wharf for coal, on Sunday afternoon, en route for Seattle.

"My husband is plain spoken; he calls a spade a spade."

"So is mine, but I won't say what he calls the lawn mower."

Give Something Electrical Is Advice to Gift Buyers

Judgment Reserved in Income Tax Appeal



HON. P. C. LARKIN
Judgment was reserved in the appeal of Hon. P. C. Larkin, High Commissioner for Canada in London, from a decision of the Court of Revision confirming his income assessment of \$392,367 in Toronto.

and the amount of use to which it is put. However, it is pretty safe to say that the cost of operating an electric range compares very favorably with the cost of the solid fuel range, especially when taking into consideration its cleanliness, absence of labor carrying fuel and ashes, and the amount of work it saves, because pots and pans are never blackened, and there is no dust or soot to blacken the walls and soil the window hangings.

The electric ranges are now widely used wherever electric current is available. They have been brought to a very high stage of perfection, performing all the necessary cooking operations for the entire family with an efficiency and cleanliness that places the old coal stove in the same category as the old andiron by comparison with the electric iron.

COST About Equal
Costs of operation for an electric range vary with the size of the range and the amount of use to which it is put. However, it is pretty safe to say that the cost of operating an electric range compares very favorably with the cost of the solid fuel range, especially when taking into consideration its cleanliness, absence of labor carrying fuel and ashes, and the amount of work it saves, because pots and pans are never blackened, and there is no dust or soot to blacken the walls and soil the window hangings.

The electric range is a little more costly than the average run of electric appliances, but it is built to give a lifetime of service, and would make an ideal gift to the home—one every member of the family would appreciate.

Anyone pondering on the "What to Give" problem will find many useful hints and practical suggestions by looking over the displays of electrical appliances for the home now being shown by the electrical stores in the city.

Newspaper Office Looks Like Alehouse

London Morning Advertiser, Owned by Victuallers, Stands for "The Trade"

LONDON, Dec. 23.—If you walk down Fleet Street and observe the frontages of the north side, you will see tucked away among the far-concretes a quaint looking building, bearing an appearance not unlike that of the quiet sort of ale house, which was more common half a century ago. This is the offices of The London Morning Advertiser, the third oldest newspaper in London. The Advertiser has just been celebrating the one hundred and tenth anniversary of its removal to Fleet Street. The paper first saw the light more than 130 years ago.

Of all daily papers now existing, The Morning Advertiser possesses surely the most curious constitution. It is owned by the Incorporated Society of Licensed Victuallers, the most powerful of all organizations connected with the licensed trade. Every member of the society, and every member of the public, has practically ever licence in the country, is required to be a regular subscriber to The Advertiser. The whole of the profits of the paper are devoted to the society's charities; the orphan school at Slough is maintained this way at a cost of £15,000 per year.

Very naturally The Advertiser devotes itself largely to matters connected with "the trade." Independent general politics, it mostly concerns itself with a reasonable defence against undue interference of those engaged in the sale of intoxicants.

MONEY MARKETS

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Money, 3½ per cent. Discount rates: Short bills, 4½ to 5½ per cent; three months' bills, 4½ to 4 15/16 per cent.

At New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Call money, high 6, low 5, ruling rate 6, closing bid 6, offered at 6 1/4, last loan 6; call loans against acceptances, 4 1/2. Time loans steady; mixed collateral, sixty to ninety days, 4 1/2 to 5; four to six months, 4 1/2 to 5 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4%.

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DENNINGTON ROAD, Gonzales Hill—7 rooms, fully furnished, hot air furnace, \$100.00	
ROCKLAND AVENUE—12 rooms, boarding house, \$100.00	
VERMONT AVENUE—8 rooms, 1 bed-room, 1 bathroom; garage, \$125.00	
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A 3 ROOMED well furnished modern house, 2 bedrooms, garage, garage, central phone 2161, 1st floor, rent \$100.00 per month.	
A FURNISHED bungalow apartment, 3 bedrooms, modern. Phone 7888. 1909	
CORSET room modern bungalow, at Marigold, piano, city light and water, rent reasonable. Phone 6141.	
CORDOVA, BATH—Furnished 2 bedroomed cottage, central heat and cold water, suitable for retired couple. \$15 per month. Apply J. G. Elliott, Law Chambers, Balfour St.	
FRASERFIELD—Modern 7 rooms, 3 car garage, 2 bedrooms, modern. Phone 6112. Large grounds. Apply Room 112, Fraserfield.	
FARFIELD—Furnished 7 rooms, 3 car garage, 2 bedrooms, modern. Phone 6461.	
FLYING SCOTSMAN, Marine Building, 112, A. B. Barton, 119 Pemberton Building	
GOOD 8 room bungalow, furnished, with garage included; 5 acres land, good suburban home, 125.00 per month. Located in Fairview. Phone 6200.	
LINDEN Avenue, best part—Eight rooms, high grade furniture, gas and electric, 125.00 per month. Apply Mrs. G. T. Thompson, 111 Linden Ave.	
PALMILY furnished bright three-room house, below, 1939 Crescent Road, Paul Bay. Phone 1091.	
SHAW'S Bay—semi-furnished 3 room cottage, garage, portico, near sea and beach. Phone 1993.	
TO Rent—3 room bungalow, 1939 Cowan Avenue, near Brightling Avenue, partly furnished, 125.00 per month. Apply Paul M. Marshall, 1112 Broad St. Phone 4623.	
TO Rent—partly furnished—An exceptionally nice house, on the waterfront, at a very reasonable rent. Apply to THE ROYAL TRUST COMPANY.	
TO Rent—3 room bungalow, 1934 Chestnut Avenue, furnished. Phone 722943.	
TO Rent—Partly furnished or unfurnished house, moderate rent. Phone 1117.	
WE ARE ONE FURNISHED AND UNFURNISHED HOUSES ON OAK BAY, GORDON AVENUE; 120 per month. Victoria Realty Co., 114 View Street. Phone 2825.	

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Finance and Commerce

American Can Leaps Upward To New Peak

Sensational Advance of Seventeen Points Made—Bullish Movement Resumed in Market

NEW YORK. Dec. 23.—A sensational advance of more than seventeen points in the American Can stock market, to a new high record for all time at \$33, featured the resumption of the broad upward movement in today's stock market.

Bullish enthusiasm was created by reports of heavy steel consumption contained in the weekly trade reviews, continuance of million-car weekly freight loadings and a spirited action in the market. The advance of the six per cent rate for call money was disregarded. After the close of the market the New York Federal Reserve Bank announced that its rediscount rate of 3 1/4 per cent was unchanged.

Can Earnings Higher

The heavy demand for American Can was based on reports that current earnings of the new stock were running at the rate of about \$7 a share and that there was a probability that dividends would be paid at the rate in excess of the \$2 annual payment tentatively fixed by the management. Strength of General Electric, which showed an extreme gain of 100 points at \$33 and then eased to 237, was associated with rumors of another special distribution to shareholders.

Copper shares developed a new lease of life on prospects of unusually heavy sales of the red metal in the first quarter of next year.

Oil companies to constructive trade statistics, both the Barnardale and Pacific Oil issues again mounting to new high levels for the year.

Steel Up Two Points

United States Steel common was bid up more than two points to \$57 3/8 and then eased to 135.

Atlantic Coast Line was the feature of the railway group, soaring twelve points to a new high record at 261.

Call money held steady at six per cent all day. Time money and commercial rates were unchanged.

Total sales were 1,587,700 shares. No alteration in the character of the bond market took place as the bidding for high interest and firm money rates continued to dull the edge of trading. Irregular price movements failed to impinge the market's firm undertone.

(All Fractions in Eighteens)

VANCOUVER. Dec. 23.—Today's quote from the Vancouver Stock Exchange were:

Allied Chemicals 112-4 112-8 112-4
Am. Biscuit 15-0 31-1 21-1
Am. Cloth 105-0 109-1 109-2
Am. Car & Fdy. 105-2 109-1 109-2
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Am. Railroads 124 124-2 124-1
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Am. Ruth. & Tel. 142 141-1 141-1
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Bethlehem Steel 47-7 47-7 47-7
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FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK. Dec. 23.—Foreign exchange markets quotations in cents:
Great Britain—Demand 444 5-16;
ables 455; 40-day bill on banks.
France—Demand 188; cables 149-1;
ables 190; 40-day bill on banks.
Germany—Demand 224-0;
ables 225; 40-day bill on banks.
Sweden—Demand 29 29;
ables 30; 40-day bill on banks.
Spain—Demand 14-28;
ables 14-28; 40-day bill on banks.
Poland—Demand 189-1;
ables 189-1; 40-day bill on banks.
Czechoslovakia—Demand 2-9;
ables 2-9; 40-day bill on banks.
Austria—Demand 14;
ables 14; 40-day bill on banks.
Romania—Demand 48-1;
ables 48-1; 40-day bill on banks.
Brazil—Demand 14-30;
ables 14-30; 40-day bill on banks.
Tunisia—Demand 27-1;
ables 27-1; 40-day bill on banks.
Montreal—Demand 25-15;
ables 25-15; 40-day bill on banks.
Sterling—Buying 45-2%; selling 42-9%.

Amended U.S. Crop Report Lifts Wheat

Sharp Advances Scored at Winnipeg on Bullish News and Excellent Buying

WINNIPEG. Dec. 23.—A twenty-eight million reduction in the United States crop was estimated by the Government, making the total wheat yield of that country 669,000,000 bushels, was the main bullish factor in the markets here today, and both wheat and coarse grains scored sharp advances. With a wave of excellent buying by exporters and importers, wheat closed at a high of about 6 cents above the previous close, while flax and rye were from 3 to 6 cents up, and oats and barley from 1 cent to 2 cents higher. At the close wheat was 4% to 5 cents higher.

Throughout the session the under-toning to the market was very strong, and with the United States Government reporting a reduction in the wheat crop, buyers exposed freely predicted heavy sales from now on and no difficulty is foreseen in disposing of Canada's 200,000,000 bushel surplus.

Tough and coarse grain markets and cash commodities displayed a firmer tone, though an ordinary demand existed.

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BEST QUALITIES

DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

SUPERIOR VALUES

STORE OPEN THIS EVENING

Confidence Lights the Way to This Store of Big Values Where Merchandise From Every Part of the World Has Been Assembled for Your Christmas Gift Needs



The New Lumber Jack Cardigans at \$7.95

The new Lumber Jack Cardigans are made in the Cardigan style but with a wide ribbed band at the bottom. They have long sleeves with turn-back cuffs, high fastening collar, and two breast pockets that fasten down with buttons. Shown in pretty floral all-over patterns in contrasting shades. Assorted sizes. Each

\$7.95

—Sweaters, 1st Floor

Wonderful Assortments of WOMEN'S SCARVES



In Georgette, Crepe de Chine and Silk Knit for Christmas Gifts

Crepe de Chine and Georgette Scarves in all the most popular colorings, two-tone, ombre and all-over pattern effects; some with dainty hand-painted designs. Wonderful values from \$2.75 to \$8.95

Silk Knit Scarves in an endless variety of colorings, stripe or mixture effects with fringed ends. Special at, each, \$1.49 and \$2.98

Neckwear, Main Floor

Hand-Painted French Crepe de Chine Scarves At Special Christmas Prices

Hand-Painted Scarves of heavy quality French crepe de Chine in beautiful color combinations and designs. Each one is initiated by the artist; six different designs and colorings. Regular \$18.95 for \$13.95
Regular \$13.50 for \$9.95
Regular \$11.95 for \$8.95
Regular \$10.50 for \$7.95
Regular \$8.95 for \$6.75

—Ribbon Dept., Main Floor

UMBRELLAS

With Unusually Smart Novelty Handles

Priced From \$1.50 to \$10.50

Women's Umbrellas with reliable paragon frames and covered with excellent grade cambric or Gloria silk; a wide range of newest style handles. Cambric Covered. Priced from \$1.50 to \$3.00
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Colored Gloria Covered. Priced from \$4.50 to \$6.95
Gloria Silk Covered. Priced from \$8.50 to \$10.50

Women's Colored Silk Umbrellas, with 16 ribs, gilt frame; handsome umbrellas, suitable for sun or rain. Colors are pillar box, purple, paddy, brown and navy. Each \$10.50

—Umbrella, Main Floor



HOSIERY

Full fashioned, exquisitely sheer Chiffon Hose, with sandal foot, in sizes 8½ to 10. "Gordon" make, made in shades of black, gunmetal, French nude, sunset, Windsor tan, orchid, moonlight and gold. At, a pair

\$3.00

"Gordon" Lace Clocked Hose, full fashioned, and made from purest silk, with a lisle garter welt hem; sizes 8½ to 10. In shades of black, white, sunset and French nude. At, a pair

\$3.25

Kayser Full Fashioned Silk Hose, the wearing quality and appearance of which everyone knows. Have well reinforced feet, and shown in black, white and all the desired shades. A pair \$2.00

Winsome Maid Pure Thread Silk Hose, heavy weight, with seamless feet, strongly reinforced. Shown in black, white and all colors. Sizes 8½ to 10. A pair \$2.00

Marvel Silk Hose, with pointed heels, lisle garter hem and reinforced foot. May be had in shades of black, white, peach, nude, powder blue, camel, silver, gold, cameo, platinum, torereader and cheri, illusion, kasha and pansy. Pair, \$2.00

Women's Pure Thread Silk Hose, with hemmed garter tops, Sizes 8½ to 10. In white, black, brown, beige, log cabin, camel, peach, cameo, golden pheasant, pearl grey, Oriental pearl, torereader, cheri and hoggar. At, a pair \$1.50

Pretty Gift Towels and Towel Sets

Useful and Attractive

Towels in striped Jacquard designs, 22 x 46, in colors mauve, blue, pink and gold. Each \$1.25

Towels, 22 x 46 inches, practical bath size, with figured Jacquard border, in mauve, pink, blue and gold. Each \$1.00

Towels, size 16 x 34 inches, with white centres and Jacquard borders of mauve, pink, blue and gold. Each 50¢

Guest size, 12 x 22 inches, in Jacquard designs, with mauve, pink, blue and gold borders. Each 40¢

Towels, 20 x 45 inches, with border all around in beautiful combination colorings in rose design. Each 89¢

Towels, size 20 x 38 inches, in mauve, pink, blue and gold, with check design in Jacquard weave. Each 79¢

Turkish Towel Sets, extra fine grade, with colored borders, striped and floral centres.

Sets of one bath towel and two face cloths \$1.50

Sets of one bath, one guest towel and one face cloth, at \$1.75

Set of two bath towels and two face cloths \$2.00

—Bath, Main Floor



Dressing Gowns for Women Priced at

\$4.90 to \$25.00

Flannelette Dressing Gowns of fleecy texture, in all-over patterns of contrasting shades. They have shawl collars, full-length sleeves and trimmed with cord pipings and girdle. Each

\$4.90

Eiderdown Dressing Gowns with "V" neck and three-quarter sleeves, smart wrap effects, pretty colorings. Sizes 38 to 44. Each

\$8.90

Beacon Cloth Dressing Gowns with shawl collar, long sleeves and patch pockets. They are finished with silk girdles. Sizes 34 to 44. Each

\$12.90

Quilted Satin Dressing Gowns made with roll collars and patch pockets. Shades are orchid, pansy, black, navy, peacock blue and rose. Each

\$19.75 to \$25.00

—Mantle Dept., 1st Floor

Children's Sweater Suits

Last Minute Gift Suggestion

\$3.75, \$4.95 and \$5.75

Three-Piece Brushed Wool Sweater Sets, consisting of pull-over jersey buttoning on the shoulder, overall garters with elastic at the waist, and toque finished with pompon at the top. Sizes for 2 to 4 years. A nice, cosy little set for a child's Christmas gift. Each

\$3.75

Woolen Sweater Sets for Children, consisting of coat sweater, fastening high at the neck, overall garters with ankle strap, and smart little toque with pompon on top. Shown in jade trimmed with putty, and grey trimmed with blue. Sizes for 2 to 5 years.

\$5.75

In brushed wool, a set \$5.75
In plain knit, a set \$4.95

—Children's Wear, 1st Floor

CHILDREN'S SHOES

For Christmas Are Always in Demand

Misses' Classic Oxfords in black or brown calf, sizes 11 to 2, at \$5.00

Misses' Classic Patent Strap Slippers, sizes 11 to 2, at \$3.50 and \$2.95

Children's Rubber Knee Boots, Dominion brand. Sizes 6 to 10½, a pair \$1.95
Sizes 11 to 2, a pair \$2.45

Hewetson's Children's Oxfords, patent, brown calf or black calf—

Sizes 8½ to 11 at \$3.50
Sizes 5 to 8 at \$3.00

—Children's Shoes, 1st Floor

A Suit of Pajamas For Husband, Brother or Father

Our Great Selection Offers Wide Choice

SPECIAL TURKEY DINNER

50c

Served from 11:30 till 2 o'clock noon, and from 5:30 till 7:30, evening.
—Dining Room, 3rd Floor

A Great Selection of Gifts for Boys

Caps, Hose, Shirt Waists and Overalls. Great \$1.00 value

Jerseys, Shirts, Shirt Waists, Caps, Astrachan Gauntlets and Night-gowns \$1.25

Cashmere Jerseys, Shirt Waists, Caps, Gauntlets, Soft Collar Cases, Combination Overalls and Pajamas. Excellent values at \$1.50

Youth's Dress Shirts, with separate collars. Many patterns to select from; fancy prints, reps and cords. Sizes 13 to 14½. Good values

\$1.25 to \$1.75

Broadcloth Shirts— \$1.75 to \$2.50

Sweaters and Jerseys in a great range of patterns and qualities. Serviceable, neat, and suitable for gifts. Sizes 22 to 36. Excellent values. Prices range from

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